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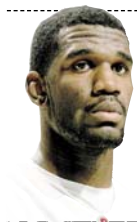
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Germany Goes Cub Crazy

TWO CUTE: Berlin Zoo's new star polar bear cub, Knut, plays with a blanket on Wednesday. The cub, who survived rejection by his mother, has become a marketing phenomenon in Germany since an animal activist caused a stir by insisting Knut would have been better off dead than raised by humans. Thousands have flocked to see Knut since he went on display to the public on Saturday.

Iran Airs Video of U.K. Crew

Tensions escalate over fate of captured service members

TEHRAN | Iran aired a video Wednesday of 15 captured British sailors and marines, showing the only woman captive saying her group had "trespassed" in Iranian waters. Britain angrily denounced the video as a "completely unacceptable" display of prisoners.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair's government announced it was freezing all dealings with Iran except to negotiate the release of its personnel. As the stand-off escalated, the Iranian foreign minister backed off a prediction that the female sailor could be freed Wednesday or Thursday, but said British officials would be allowed to meet with detained service personnel.



Turney

Britain's military released a GPS readout it said proved the Royal Navy personnel were seized 1.7 nautical miles inside Iraqi waters Friday. But Iranian state television quoted an unidentified Iranian official as saying the first phase of an investigation had determined the two British boat crews were "definitely" in Iran's territorial waters.

A few hours later, a brief video of the captured Britons was shown on Iran's Arabic language satellite television station, Al-Alam. The video showed Faye Turney in checkered head scarf and her uniform eating with other sailors and marines. Later, wearing a white tunic and black head scarf, she sat in a room before floral curtains and smoked a cigarette. (AP)

CREATIVITY | Start Spreading the Ooze Marmite, the revolting British condiment made from yeast extract, caused inmates to ransack a Suffolk jail — and not because the savory spread was on the menu. According to the Sun (U.K.) newspaper,



about a dozen prisoners secretly used the stuff to ferment fruit juice. They got drunk on the homemade brew and proceeded to wreak havoc. No one was hurt, and prison staff didn't punish the moonshiners, preferring to let them sleep it off. (EXPRESS) **Eye Openers** | Page 2

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CRAZY ANIMAL PEOPLE

Lady With 110 Cats Called In

After receiving complaints from neighbors, Seattle Animal Shelter staffers found 110 parakeets Tuesday in a cage in the living room of a one-bedroom apartment. "You could hear the noise from the street," animal control officer Neil Deruyter said. The birds were being kept in unsanitary conditions and were surrendered by their owner, an unidentified man in his 50s who had been collecting them for about five years. The owner told the officers he previously tried to give the small birds to another shelter, but said he had been told only five would be kept and the rest would be euthanized. (AP)



GENDER ROLES

Real Men Take Other Real Men's Money

A Clearwater, Fla., man agreed to pay alimony to the woman he divorced, not the man she became, lawyers argued Tuesday in an effort to end the payments. But the ex-wife's attorneys said

the operation doesn't alter the agreement. The lawyers and the judge agreed the case delves into relatively uncharted legal territory. Lawrence Roach and his wife divorced in 2004 after 18 years of marriage. Since then, Julia Roach, 55, has had a sex change and legally changed her name to Julio Roberto Silverwolf. (AP)



HEIGHT

The Little Woman

The world's tallest man has married a woman who is more than 2 feet shorter than him. Bao Xishun, a 7-foot-9-inch herdsman from Inner Mongolia, married 5-foot-6-inch saleswoman Xia Shujian several days ago. Bao's 28-year-old bride is half his age and hails from his hometown of Chifeng, China, though advertisements for a wife were sent around the world, the Beijing News reported. Bao was in the news in December after he used his long arms to save two dolphins by pulling plastic out of their stomachs. (AP)



Toby was disappointed. Maybe next time he'll get more than a bite of apple.

WHAT THE DOG LEARNED

'Jump on Mommy, Food Comes Out!'

Toby, a golden retriever, saw his owner choking on a piece of fruit and began jumping on her chest. Debbie Parkhurst, 45, of Calvert, Md., believes Toby was trying to perform the Heimlich maneuver and saved her life. After a bite of apple lodged in her throat, she attempted to do the Heimlich on herself. "Next think I know, Toby's up on his hind feet and he's got his front paws on my shoulders," she said. (AP)

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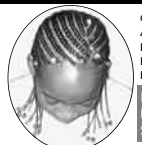
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PAPER OR NOTHING: After weeks of debate, San Francisco city leaders on Wednesday approved a ban on plastic grocery bags. San Francisco would be the first U.S. city to adopt such a rule if Mayor Gavin Newsom signs the ban.

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In Brief



PHIL COALE/AP

Former U.S. Rep. Mark Foley has not yet been charged with any crime.

WEST PALM BEACH, FLA.

Officials Confirm Continued Investigation of Mark Foley

Six months after resigning from Congress, former U.S. Rep. Mark Foley remains under criminal investigation for sexually explicit Internet communications with underage boys but has not been charged, authorities said Wednesday. "I can't really give any more detail other than to say we're still in the preliminary investigative stance and we are working with state authorities," said Debra Weierman, spokeswoman for the FBI's Washington field office. (AP)

NEW YORK

Homicides, Serious Crimes Drop in First Months of '07

New York City's murder rate has dropped nearly 30 percent in the first three months of this year, police officials said Wednesday. Reports of all serious crimes were also down 10.2 percent. Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said it was the first time in recent history that the city was averaging fewer than one murder a day. (AP)

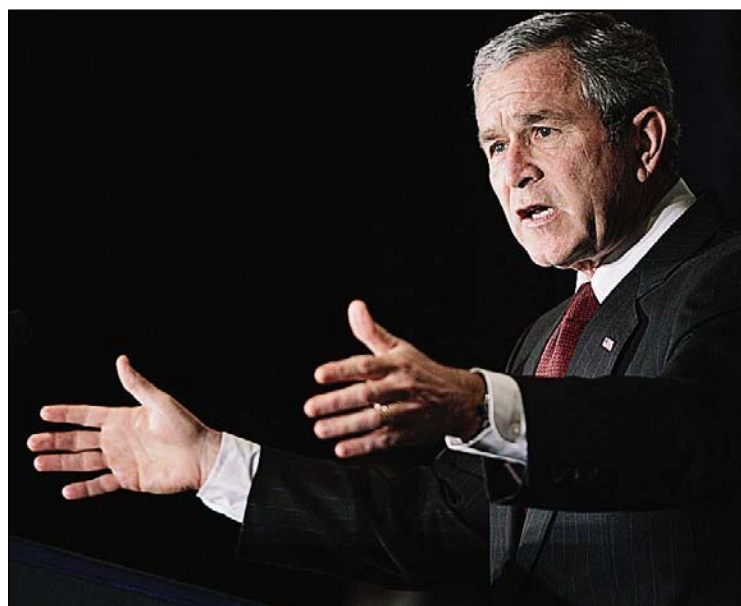
Bush Calls for Unconditional Funds

President says pulling out of Iraq 'would be disastrous' for troops

WASHINGTON | President Bush and the Democratic-controlled Congress lurched toward a veto showdown over Iraq on Wednesday, the commander in chief demanding a replenishment of war funding with no strings and Speaker Nancy Pelosi counseling him, "Calm down with the threats."

Bush said imposition of a "specific and random date of withdrawal would be disastrous" for U.S. troops in Iraq and he predicted that lawmakers would take the blame if the money ran short.

"The clock is ticking for our troops in the field," he said. "If Con-



PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVALS/AP

President Bush says a proposal to withdraw troops from Iraq "would be disastrous." The president said Democrats would be responsible if military funds run out.

gress fails to pass a bill to fund our troops on the front lines, the American people will know who to hold responsible."

Bush spoke as the Senate moved toward passage of legislation that would require the beginning of a troop withdrawal within 120 days, and would set a goal of March 31, 2008, for its completion.

Democratic leaders disputed Bush's contention that Congress would be to blame for any funding difficulties in a war they have vowed to end.

"Why doesn't he get real with what's going on with the world?" said Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev. "We're not holding up funding in Iraq and he knows that. Why doesn't he deal with the real issues facing the American people?" (AP)

Study Shakes Up Evolution Timeline

Scientists say no surge in mammal species after dinosaurs died

NEW YORK | Maybe you learned this in school: The big dinosaur die-off 65 million years ago was a liberation for mammals, and they quickly produced a lot of new species that included ancestors of humans and other modern-day creatures.

Well, a new study says, forget it. Scientists who constructed a massive evolutionary family tree

for mammals found no sign of such a burst of new species at that time among the ancestors of present-day animals. Only mammals with no modern-day descendants showed that effect.

At the time of the dinosaur demise, mammals were small, about the size of shrews and cats. The long-standing idea has been that once the dinosaurs were gone, mammals were suddenly free to exploit new food sources and habitats, and as a result they produced a burst of new species.

The new study says that happened to some extent, but the new species largely led to evolutionary dead ends. In contrast, no such explosion of species was found among the ancestors of modern-day mammals like rodents, cats, horses, elephants and people.

Instead, researchers report in Thursday's issue of the journal *Nature*, they showed an initial burst between about 100 million and 85 million years ago, with another between about 55 million and 35 million years ago. (AP)

Aide: Attorney Firings Political

WASHINGTON | Eight federal prosecutors were fired last year because they did not sufficiently support President Bush's priorities, Attorney General Alberto Gonzales' former chief of staff says in remarks prepared for delivery Thursday to Congress.

"The distinction between 'political' and 'performance-related' reasons for removing a United States attorney is, in my view, largely artificial," said Kyle Sampson. The aide is to testify before the Senate Judiciary Committee Thursday. (AP)



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Bush Withdraws Nominee

Candidate for position in Belgium has ties to Swift Boat campaign

WASHINGTON | President Bush on Wednesday withdrew the nomination of businessman Sam Fox to be U.S. ambassador to Belgium after Democrats denounced Fox for giving money to a controversial conservative group that undermined Sen. John Kerry's 2004 presidential campaign.

Kerry, a Democrat, had criticized Fox because of a \$50,000 contribution that Fox made in 2004 to the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth.

Many Democrats blame the

group for sinking Kerry's presidential hopes that year after it aired a series of ads that impugned Kerry's military record in the Vietnam War.

Sen. Kit Bond, a Republican from Fox's home state of Missouri, said it was "disappointing that a capable and qualified candidate with bipartisan support has become a victim of a political vendetta."

Kerry said Wednesday, "Sam Fox had every opportunity to disavow the politics of personal destruction and to embrace the truth. He chose



Kerry

not to. The White House made the right decision to withdraw the nomination. I hope this signals a new day in political discourse."

Presidential spokeswoman Dana Perino said Bush believes Fox is qualified to be a U.S. ambassador and blamed Democratic politics for the withdrawal of his nomination.

"Unfortunately, we received word that because of politics, some members of the Senate would have voted against his nomination, which would have prevented him from serving in this important position," Perino said. "So, we are disappointed that they made their decision based on partisan politics ... and that's why we withdrew his nomination." (AP)

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DANGEROUS JOURNEY: Divers search around the area where a boat came ashore with more than 100 Haitian migrants aboard. The migrants reached South Florida shores Wednesday after spending at least three weeks at sea in a dilapidated sailboat, officials said. One man died in the crossing, and three people were in critical condition from dehydration.

HEARSAY | TATTOOS

"The fact I can't put something on my body that I want — it's a big thing to tell me I can't do that."

—CPL. DAVID NADRCHAL, RESPONDING TO A POLICY CHANGE THAT FORBIDS U.S. MARINES FROM GETTING EXTRA-LARGE TATTOOS BELOW THE ELBOW OR BELOW THE KNEE.

Afghan Gave CIA Padilla Evidence

MIAMI | A key piece of evidence in the case against alleged terrorism operative Jose Padilla was brought to the CIA in Afghanistan by a man who said he found the document in an al-Qaeda safe house, according to new court filings.

The Afghan man, unknown to the CIA at the time, drove up to the

agency's installation in Kandahar in a truck containing "stacks of papers and other office materials" found in the house occupied by a group of Arabs, according to a CIA document filed in federal court.

Among the Arabic documents piled in his pickup was a binder containing dozens of forms that U.S. officials say were essentially applications for al-Qaeda terrorism training camps. One of the forms was allegedly signed by Padilla. (AP)

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Democrats Pledge Full Investigation

Gonzales resignation wouldn't end attorney probe, senator warns

WASHINGTON | If Alberto Gonzales resigns, Democrats will not confirm a new attorney general until they are satisfied they have the full story of the firing of eight federal prosecutors, the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee said Wednesday.

"In case anybody's thinking of shortchanging it that way, I have a message for them: We'll finish this investigation before we'll

have any confirmation hearings for a new attorney general," said Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., who would lead any such proceedings.

His comments reflected the fragile hold Gonzales has on his job and the escalating tensions between Democrats in Congress and President Bush over any testimony by White House aides and documents related to the firings.

Democrats cranked up the pressure on the administration over whether, and under what conditions, Karl Rove and other top presidential aides would testify on the extent to which they were involved in the



Democrats want Karl Rove to testify about the dismissal of U.S. attorneys.

deciding whom to fire.

Bush has refused to allow Rove and former White House Counsel Harriet Miers to testify in public or under oath and has declined to release internal documents.

"We have not heard from you," Leahy and House Judiciary Committee Chairman John Conyers of Michigan wrote to White House Counsel Fred Fielding.

The White House has indicated no willingness to move beyond Bush's initial offer to let Rove, Miers and their deputies to speak to committee members in private, without being sworn and off the record. (AP)

Fire at 45-Story Tower Contained

CHICAGO | Fire broke out on the roof of a 45-story office building Wednesday, sending some workers fleeing into the downtown streets.

Firefighters contained the flames on the roof and said the blaze posed no danger to occupants. It was extinguished in two hours and damaged only the building's exterior.

Authorities did not call for an evacuation, but were assisting people who wanted to come out.

District Fire Chief Gregory Lewis would not discuss a possible cause, saying it was under investigation. (AP)

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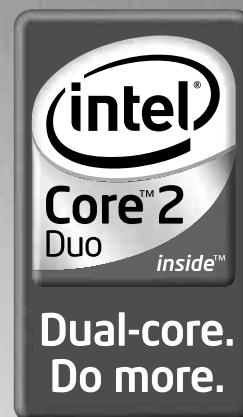
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In Brief



Pakistanis shower roses on suspended top justice Iftikhar Chaudhry, left.

RAWALPINDI, PAKISTAN Crowds Greet Ousted Chief Justice at Center of Crisis

Lawyers and judges staged a show of support for Pakistan's chief justice Wednesday, as he made his first public appearance since President Gen. Pervez Musharraf triggered a political storm by suspending him from office. Musharraf suspended Supreme Court Chief Justice Iftikhar Mohammed Chaudhry on March 9 for allegedly abusing his authority. The government insists the move was nonpolitical. (AP)

BEIT LAHIYA, GAZA STRIP Israeli Forces Wound 3 Militants Set to Fire Rockets

In its first attack inside the Gaza Strip in nearly two months, Israeli forces wounded three Islamic Jihad gunmen who were preparing to launch rockets into Israel from northern Gaza on Wednesday, witnesses and the army said. Israel has observed a truce with Palestinian factions in Gaza since November, but the radical Islamic Jihad is not party to the cease-fire and continues to fire rockets at Israel. (AP)

JAKARTA, INDONESIA 3 More Die From Bird Flu; Virus Samples Sent to WHO

Indonesia announced three more human deaths from bird flu Wednesday, hours after agreeing to resume sending virus samples to researchers on condition they would not be made freely available to commercial vaccine makers. Indonesia, the nation hardest hit by the H5N1 virus, had stopped sharing specimens with the World Health Organization because it feared they would be used to develop vaccines unaffordable for poor nations. (AP)

Dozens Die in Iraq Revenge Killings

Shiite militants, police go on rampage after truck bombings

BAGHDAD | Shiite militants and police enraged by deadly truck bombings went on a shooting rampage against Sunnis in a northwestern Iraqi city Wednesday, killing as many as 70 men execution-style and prompting fears that sectarian violence was spreading outside the capital.

The killings occurred in the mixed Shiite-Sunni city Tal Afar, which had been an insurgent stronghold until an offensive by U.S. and Iraqi troops in September 2005, when militants fled into the countryside without a fight. Last March, President Bush cited the operation as an example that gave him "confidence in our strategy."

The gunmen roamed Sunni neighborhoods in Tal Afar through the night, shooting at residents and homes, according to police and a local Sunni politician. Witnesses said relatives of the Shiite victims in the truck bombings broke into Sunni homes and killed the men inside or dragged them out and shot them in the streets.

Gen. Khourshid al-Douski, the Iraqi army commander in charge of the area, said 70 people were shot in the back of the head and



ON EDGE: An Iraqi police commando secures the site of a car bombing on Wednesday in Baghdad's al-Bayaa neighborhood.

40 people were kidnapped. A senior hospital official in Tal Afar, who spoke on condition of anonymity out of security concerns, said 45 men were killed.

Outraged Sunni groups blamed Shiite-led security forces for the killings. Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's office ordered an investigation and the U.S. command offered to provide assistance.

Many Unhappy Returns

→ The Tal Afar attacks are startling on several fronts, including the alleged role of police. But perhaps most ominous was the open return of reprisal killing. | **Today, Al**

IN The Washington Post

Ali al-Talafari, a Sunni member of the local Turkomen Front Party, said the Iraqi army had arrested 18

police officers accused in the shooting rampage after they were identified by Sunni families. Shiite militiamen also took part, he said.

The revenge killings were triggered by truck bombings in Tal Afar on Tuesday that killed 80 people.

At least 44 people were killed or found dead elsewhere in Iraq, including four people in two car bombings in Baghdad. KIM GAMEL (AP)

Filipino Kids Keep Cool Amid Ordeal

Day-care center owner takes children hostage to protest social issues

MANILA, PHILIPPINES | A young girl waved a Barbie doll in the air while a boy licked an ice cream cone. Another girl casually finished a bottle of water while chatting with a classmate.

Dozens of children were taken hostage on a bus Wednesday by a day-care center owner armed with grenades and guns, but the youngsters took the ordeal in stride, eating pizza, smiling and waving from the windows throughout the day.

The crisis ended after 10 hours



Anxious mothers wait for news of their captive children in Manila Wednesday.

when 56-year-old civil engineer Jun Ducat, who staged the incident to denounce corruption and demand better lives for impoverished children, released the children, put the

pin back in a grenade and surrendered to police.

Jubilant parents were quickly reunited with their children as they filed off the bus.

"I was afraid all day that the grenade may explode," said Gerome Agabon, father of 5-year-old hostage Joanne.

Manila police district chief Danilo Abarzosa said Ducat, who has staged attention-grabbing stunts in the past, would be charged with 32 counts of illegal detention and abduction — each count is punishable by up to 12 years in prison — along with illegal possession of explosives and firearms. JIM GOMEZ (AP)

Sudan Rejects U.N. Troops Anew

RIYADH, SAUDI ARABIA | Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir on Wednesday underlined his rejection of U.N. peacekeepers in the war-torn Darfur region, saying the U.N. should only provide financial and technical help to African peacekeepers.

Al-Bashir made the comments in an opening speech to an Arab summit in the Saudi capital.

But in a sign of cooperation, Sudan and the U.N. signed in Khartoum a new agreement designed to ease humanitarian groups' access to refugees in Darfur, where violence and government restrictions have impeded aid groups. (AP)

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World

Police Detain Zimbabwe Activists

Main opposition party target of fresh raid in wave of political unrest

HARARE, ZIMBABWE | Police stormed the main opposition party headquarters Wednesday and reportedly arrested its leader shortly before President Robert Mugabe left for an emergency meeting of southern African leaders about the crisis in Zimbabwe.

Morgan Tsvangirai and other Mugabe opponents were taken into custody hours before the opposition leader planned to talk to reporters about a wave of political violence that left him briefly hospitalized.

Police sealed off approaches to the Movement for Democratic Change headquarters and fired tear gas to drive away onlook-



TURMOIL: The leader of Zimbabwe's Movement for Democratic Change, Morgan Tsvangirai, seen here on Tuesday, was among those reportedly arrested by police.

ers before taking Tsvangirai and the others away in a bus, said Eliphas Mukonoweshuro, an aide to Tsvangirai.

"We don't know their whereabouts. We don't know if they have been charged," he said.

State radio said Mugabe left for Tanzania to attend a meeting on the political turmoil in Zimbabwe.

Before leaving, Mugabe held a meeting of his politburo, the ruling party's highest policy-making body, to discuss whether to hold national elections in 2008 or 2010.

Mugabe is under growing pressure to step down as leader of the country he has ruled since 1980. Tensions are said to be rising over his succession, and the opposition blames him for the country's corruption and shortages of food, currency and gasoline. **ANGUS SHAW (AP)**

Academic Elite In Russia Reject State Controls

MOSCOW | Russia's scientific elite, in a rare show of disobedience to the Kremlin, on Wednesday voted against a government-proposed charter that would have transferred control of the historically independent Academy of Sciences to the state.

The academy has spearheaded fundamental research for nearly three centuries and enjoyed a high degree of autonomy even in Soviet times, when it refused to expel dissident physicist Andrei Sakharov.

The vote was a rare statement of dissent against President Vladimir Putin's government, which has established tight control over Russia's political, economic and social life. **(AP)**

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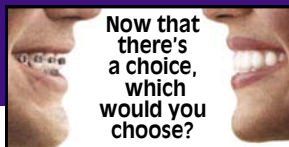
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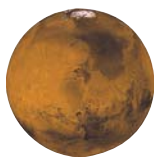
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GALAXY QUEST: China and Russia plan to launch a joint effort to send exploratory vehicles to survey Mars and one of its moons in 2009, Chinese state media reported. The announcement follows an agreement between the two space powers to boost cooperation, Reuters reported.

U.N.: Circumcision Part of HIV Fight

Evidence shows male procedure can lower infection risk by 60%

GENEVA | Heterosexual men should be circumcised because of compelling evidence it reduces their chances of contracting HIV by up to 60 percent, U.N. health agencies said Wednesday.

But men should still use condoms and other protection against the virus, said the World Health Organization and UNAIDS, the U.N. agency that coordinates the global fight against the AIDS virus.

"We must be clear," said Catherine Hankins, of UNAIDS. "Male circumcision does not provide com-

plete protection against HIV."

Besides condoms, men and women should use protections such as abstinence, delaying the start of sexual activity and reducing the number of sexual partners, she said.

More study is needed to determine whether male circumcision will cut the transmission of HIV to women or reduce HIV infection in homosexual intercourse, the agencies said in a statement.

WHO experts said the trials convinced them after 20 years of observations that circumcision reduces men's susceptibility to HIV infection, partly because the cells in the foreskin of the penis are especially vulnerable to the virus. (AP)

FRANCE | WAKING UP TO THE IMPORTANCE OF SLEEP



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THE LAST SOLDIER: Charlotte Winters, the last surviving female World War I veteran, has died, the U.S. Naval District in Washington said Wednesday. She was 109. Winters was born Nov. 10, 1897, in Washington.

Local

In Brief

CHANTILLY, VA. United Airlines Launches Inaugural Flight to China

One month after winning federal approval for a coveted nonstop route to China, United Airlines launched its inaugural flight Wednesday from Washington's Dulles International Airport to Beijing, to the applause of passengers. "Flights from the United States to China are always packed," said Matthew Alesse of Buffalo, N.Y., whose work takes him to China often. Passengers say more flights are needed as commerce between the nations grows. (AP)



A dancing dragon was on hand to celebrate the United Airlines flight to China.

ANNAPOLIS, MD. Chesapeake's Underwater Grasses Decrease in 2006

Underwater grasses in the Chesapeake Bay declined by a quarter last year, likely because of weather, according to a survey released Wednesday by a federal-state monitoring group. The Chesapeake Bay Program's aerial surveys last year showed the underwater vegetation covered 59,090 acres in the bay, down about 25 percent from 72,263 acres in 2005. Grass coverage last year was the worst since 1989. (AP)

BALTIMORE Man Pleads Guilty to Killing His Girlfriend at a Bus Stop

A Capitol Heights man has pleaded guilty to first-degree murder for stabbing his former girlfriend in the throat while she waited at a bus stop, state prosecutors said. Earl Holeman, 38, was sentenced to life in prison with all but 30 years suspended after entering the plea on Tuesday. Police said the couple got into an argument before Holeman attacked her with a knife. (AP)

Police Continue Search for Mother

Woman's husband, children were found dead in their home

BALTIMORE | El Salvador's consul general taped a televised appeal Wednesday asking the missing mother of four dead children to contact her.

Police were looking for Deysi M. Benitez, 25, whose husband and children were found dead Monday in their Frederick townhouse. Police said Pedro Rodriguez hanged himself; the children were found in their beds, dead of unknown causes.

Ana Margarita Chavez, the consul general for Salvadoran embassy in Washington, said she told Benitez in the appeal that "I will provide her with security and I that I understand her situation and I was going to be waiting for her phone call."

However, the consul general acknowledged that the appeal, which will be broadcast on a Spanish-language station in the Washington-Baltimore area, may be in vain.

"There are so many scenarios.



Esmeralda Bonilla was friends with Deysi Benitez and sometimes cared for the kids who, along with their father, were found dead Monday. "Deysi, come home," Bonilla said. "Come see your husband and your children." Authorities are searching for Benitez.

One is that maybe she already left the country and she has already passed the border," Chavez said. "The other one is that probably she is in the United States. And there is another one that maybe she is dead."

Chavez said she met Tuesday with Frederick Police Depart-

ment officers and was able to locate family members in Sensuntepeque, which is in north-central El Salvador. The consul general said she spoke with Deysi Benitez' sister, Angela, who told her she spoke with her sister daily until March 16, when Deysi stopped answering her cell phone.

Police were awaiting complete autopsy results that they said could help explain the deaths of the children and their father. Officers found the children — girls Elsa, 9, Vanessa, 4, and Carena, 1, and 3-year-old boy Angel — in their beds with sheets and blankets pulled over their heads. (AP)

O'Malley Planning to Sign Tuition Bill

Law would give some illegal immigrants in-state college rates

ANNAPOLIS, MD. | Gov. Martin O'Malley said Wednesday he would sign a bill to allow some illegal immigrants to qualify for in-state tuition.

After an emotional debate Monday, the House of Delegates passed

the bill on an 81-57 vote. It's now before the Senate.

O'Malley described education as "the light that allows individuals to create greater opportunity for all of us." He noted the state already is required to provide education for children of



O'Malley

immigrants up through high school and asked what the point would be to "cap their potential and not allow them to go to a state college."

"I think that that's squandering the investment we've already made in our country and our state, where we believe in the dignity of every individual," O'Malley said.

Lawmakers approved a similar bill in 2003, but Republican Gov. Robert Ehrlich vetoed it. (AP)

House Democrat Says D.C. Vote Will Be Revisited

WASHINGTON | Legislation to give the District of Columbia a vote in Congress will go before the U.S. House of Representatives again in mid-April, House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer said.

House Democrats had expected to pass the bill last week, giving the District its first full-fledged vote in the chamber. But, in a surprise move, Republicans moved to send the measure back to committee, injecting new language that would have thrown out the city's strict anti-gun laws.

Democrats are seeking new tactics to avoid similar problems when they return to Washington from recess on April 16.

"I intend to have the D.C. bill back on the floor the first week that we return," Hoyer said. (AP)

The Lotteries

Wednesday, March 28

DISTRICT

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	1-1-7
Evening Lucky Numbers (Tues.)	7-7-0
Mid-day DC 4	6-7-8-1
Evening DC 4 (Tues.)	7-1-4-1
Rolling Cash Five (Tues.)	05-06-11-16-34
Daily 6 (Tues.)	04-10-13-32-36-39 Bonus: 18

MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	2-7-3
Evening Pick 3 (Tues.)	5-5-6
Mid-day Pick 4	9-7-0-6
Evening Pick 4 (Tues.)	5-3-9-5
Match 5 (Tues.)	10-16-32-35-37 Bonus: 13

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3	0-8-6
Evening Pick 3 (Tues.)	1-5-6
Mid-day Pick 4	3-2-7-9

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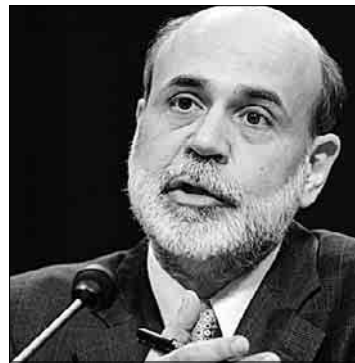
Economy Still on Upswing

Bernanke doesn’t see recession ahead amid rocky housing market

WASHINGTON | Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke doesn’t believe the nation will slip into a recession, and he rejects the notion raised by his predecessor, Alan Greenspan, that the economy’s expansion could be in danger of fizzling out.

But the good news for investors stops there. Bernanke said Wednesday that Wall Street jumped too far last week in thinking that Fed policymakers had signaled interest rates might drop. That new comment sent stocks spiraling downward.

The Fed chief testified on Capitol Hill amid growing concerns that problems with risky mortgages and a painful housing slump could send the economy into a tailspin.



Ben Bernanke refuted recent remarks by ex-Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan.

Greenspan, who left the Fed last year, recently said there’s a one-in-three possibility of a recession this year.

But Bernanke — while acknowledging there are risks — told Congress’ Joint Economic Committee

that the Fed does not see such negative forces pushing the economy into a recession.

“I would make a point, I think, which is important, which is there seems to be a sense that expansions die of old age, that after they reach a certain point, then they naturally begin to end,” Bernanke said. “I don’t think the evidence really supports that. If we look at history, we see that the periods of expansions have varied considerably. Some have been quite long.”

Bernanke stuck with the Fed’s assessment that the economy is likely to grow at a moderate pace. He also repeated the belief that inflation also should ease in the months ahead, but he warned that underlying inflation remains “uncomfortably high.” JEANNINE AVERSA (AP)

Charged up: The Post’s Michelle Singletary is joined by James Scurlock to discuss “Maxed Out,” his film on credit and debt. | [washingtonpost.com/liveonline](http://www.washingtonpost.com/liveonline) at noon

Circuit City to Replace Costly Staff

RICHMOND, VA. | Circuit City Stores Inc. said Wednesday it plans to cut costs by laying off about 3,400 retail workers, or 8.5 percent of its in-store staff, and hiring lower-paid employees to replace them. It is also trimming about 130 corporate information-technology jobs.

Circuit City, the nation’s No. 2 consumer electronics retailer, said the store workers being laid off effective Wednesday were earning “well above the market-based salary range for their role.” They will be replaced as soon as possible with employees who will be paid at the

current market range, the company said in a news release.

Circuit City employs about 40,000 part-time and full-time store employees, according to spokeswoman Jackie Foreman. Those being laid off will get severance packages and may apply for any open positions after 10 weeks, Foreman said. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
FullerHB s	28.40	+2.87	+11.2
NBTY	52.56	+3.88	+8.0
LLE Ry	2.14	+1.13	+6.5
Indymac	31.14	+1.61	+5.5
M&F Wld	44.67	+2.32	+5.5

Losers

BeazrHm	28.77	-2.64	-8.4
AREst	116.98	-7.36	-5.9
EmergBio n	13.60	-.82	-5.7
KBW Inc n	35.01	-1.99	-5.4
PennTrslf	6.20	-.33	-5.1

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
IndSvAm	7.22	+1.35	+23.0
RainingDta	2.73	+.49	+21.9
BluDolp	4.30	+.58	+15.6
Sypris	7.14	+.94	+15.2
Iomai	4.74	-.12	-2.5

Losers

AngioDyn	17.92	-4.68	-20.7
VocalTec	3.35	-.55	-14.1
AthrGnc	2.80	-.44	-13.6
ConvOrg n	3.36	-.51	-13.2
SenecaB	24.00	-3.60	-13.0

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	8.25	8.25
Fed Funds close	5.25	5.25
3-month disc	4.91	4.91
2-year	4.55	4.50
10-year	4.62	4.52
30-year	4.83	4.70

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5097	.5087	.5736
Canadian Dollar	1.1587	1.1578	1.1699
European Euro	.7506	.7494	.8327
Japanese Yen	116.88	117.95	117.91
Mexican Peso	11.0755	11.0497	10.9355
Taiwanese Dollar	33.07	33.08	32.60

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-96.93	-20.33	-11.38
-0.78	-0.83	-0.80
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Bank Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
AustNZ	117.72	-1.40	+5.5
BcoSnCH	17.63	-.34	-5.5
BkofAm	50.77	-1.07	-4.9
BkNova g	46.26	-.47	+3.3
Citigrp	50.96	-.10	-8.5
DeutscheBk	131.05	-1.71	-1.6
JPMorgCh	47.99	-.58	+1
MitsuUFJ	11.23	-.14	-9.8
RoyalBk gs	50.22	-.31	+5.4
TorDBk g	59.99	-.52	+1.7
UBS AG s	58.75	-.67	-2.6
US Bancrp	34.77	-.43	-3.9
Wachovia	55.08	-.68	-3.3
WA Mutl	40.35	-.76	-11.3
WellsFgo s	34.14	-.26	-4.0

ANOTHER STAR: Ben Wallace is lending his name to the Starbury Movement, endorsing an affordable line of sneakers and apparel started by the Knicks' star. Wallace will begin wearing the Starbury II basketball shoe Thursday, and his own sneaker — Big Ben — is expected this fall.



Sports

Same Teams Sport Different Looks

Georgetown and Ohio State played last year but are new beasts now

HOYAS HOOPS | Saturday's game between Georgetown and Ohio State will be billed as a rematch from last year's NCAA tournament.

And while it's true both teams met in the South regional — with the Hoyas coming out on top — there is little resemblance to either squad as they enter Saturday's opening game of the Final Four in Atlanta.

Just look at the rosters. Only Jeff Green, Roy Hibbert and Jonathan Wallace played meaningful minutes for the Hoyas in last year's contest. As for the Buckeyes, some kid named Oden was still in high school playing with past and present teammate Mike Conley Jr.

In other words, this is hardly a rematch in the truest sense.

"That's what I have been saying for an hour," Georgetown coach John Thompson III said at a media session Tuesday. "We are extremely different. You look at the film and get a feel for the game's flow and



DaJuan Summers goes up for a slam in the Hoyas' win over North Carolina to make the Final Four. The Hoyas added athleticism this season, making them more dangerous.



The addition of 7-foot freshman Greg Oden has Ohio State in the Final Four.

then you forget about it."

Indeed, any Ohio State game that Greg Oden didn't play in holds little relevance as long as the imposing center stays in Columbus.

And if anything, Georgetown's players were saying last year's victory could work against them, with Ohio State eyeing some sort of revenge.

"They might come out even hard-

er," warned Wallace. With a win, the tables could be turned for the Hoyas, who might then face the team that eliminated them in 2006: defending champion Florida.

Though Wallace, Hibbert and Green — the face of the Hoyas for three years — are still intact from 2006, this year's group plays a slightly varied style.

Freshman DaJuan Summers has made the Hoyas a better shooting team, while transfer Patrick Ewing Jr. provides a defensive spark off the bench. Additionally, sophomore Jessie Sapp bloomed into a bona fide scoring threat while freshman Jeremiah Rivers learned to run the offense.

"We are more athletic," said Green, the Big East's player of the year. "Our team added a lot of things to make us better."

Green noted that even the returning trio has gotten better, with the most notable improvements coming from Hibbert.

Thompson agreed.

"He has worked extremely hard," Thompson said of Hibbert. "You have seen him improve very quickly."

The same could be said of Georgetown, which in three years has gone from the NIT to the Final Four. **MATT SWENSON (EXPRESS)**

Repeat Takes Extra Focus for Florida

Gators had to find a way to stay hungry while defending title

NCAA TOURNAMENT | Those days when Florida was the program with potential and not much else are long gone.

As much as the national title trophy sitting in the basketball office proves that, so does Joakim Noah's encounter with a Nike representative last summer.

While Noah was working on his game, the Nike guy was planning new uniforms for the 2007 NCAA tournament.

"Why are you talking about this?" Noah asked. "We haven't even made the NCAA tournament yet."

The encounter gave Noah a glimpse of how much everything



Joakim Noah, left, and Al Horford decided to return to Florida to defend their title.

would change.

Florida made a surprising run in the NCAA tournament last

year, relying on size, shooting and maybe some obscurity to win its first national championship. The Gators took a far different path this year, playing with sky-high expectations, mounting pressure and the highest of profiles.

It made for a much tougher road to the Final Four in Atlanta, where the Gators will face UCLA — the team that lost to Florida in last year's NCAA final — on Saturday night for a spot in the championship game.

"Last year, our motto was PHD — poor, hungry and driven," Noah said. "This year, it's harder because you've got to keep that PHD — that poor, hungry and driven — but there's filet mignon everywhere around you and salami and all these great foods. It's hard, but at the end of the day, it's just extra focus and extra sacrifice." **MARK LONG (AP)**

Cavs' Top WR To Miss Season

CAVS FOOTBALL | Kevin Ogletree, Virginia's top wide receiver, suffered a serious knee injury and is expected to miss the 2007 season.

Ogletree tore an anterior cruciate ligament in practice Friday and will require surgery, coach Al Groh said on Wednesday.

"He tried to make a cut, and it just gave out on him," Groh said on a teleconference with reporters.

Ogletree ranked third in recep-

tions in the Atlantic Coast Conference last season as a sophomore, catching 52 passes for 582 yards and four touchdowns. He played as a true freshman in 2005, so Ogletree can redshirt this season and return in 2008 with two years of eligibility remaining.

"He's understandably disappointed," Groh said. "The third year is where it really happens for a lot of guys."

With Ogletree out, the Cavs' top returning wideout is rising junior Maurice Covington, who had six catches for 45 yards last year. **(AP)**

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (7 P.M. AND 9 P.M. ON ESPN) First, West Virginia and Clemson meet in the NIT final, looking for some sort of bragging rights. Then, stick around to watch the college slam dunk and 3-point contests in Atlanta.

NBA (8:15 P.M. AND 10:30 P.M. ON TNT) As the playoff races heat up, we get two conference matchups. First, Chicago hosts Detroit in the East. Then, Phoenix travels to Golden State in a battle of Western Conference playoff teams.

Sports



BATTING 2-FOR-2: Former soccer star Mia Hamm, wife of the Dodgers' Nomar Garciaparra, has delivered twin girls. "Both are healthy and over 5 pounds," Dodgers spokesman Josh Rawitch said, adding that Garciaparra flew from Florida to witness the births but was in the air when the babies were born.

Phelps Shatters Another Record

For the second time in two days, swimmer is the world's fastest ever

SWIMMING | The red line lapped at Michael Phelps' feet, as if pushing him to another world record.

A superimposed TV gizmo that demonstrates just how close swimmers are to record pace, the red line was actually moving along behind Phelps as he approached the wall.

He wasn't chasing the mark. It was chasing him.

"That was amazing," said Phelps' coach, Bob Bowman.

At this point, Phelps is just racing himself and the records he already holds. On Wednesday at the world swimming championships, he set his second world mark in as many days and showed no signs of slowing down with five more races to go Down Under.

"That's basically what he always does," Bowman said. "That's how



Michael Phelps finished the 200-meter butterfly in 1 minute, 52.09 seconds.

you improve the best."

Can this be right? Phelps swam the 200-meter butterfly in 1 minute, 52.09 seconds. In a sport in which records are documented in hundredths of a second, Phelps broke his own record by a staggering 1.62 seconds — the biggest drop in the record since 1959.

For those who thought the lanky American was at his peak during the 2003 worlds in Barcelona or the following year at the Athens Olympics, think again: He's better than

ever, at the ripe ol' age of 21.

Phelps shattered the record he set just six weeks ago in Missouri. With the crowd at Rod Laver Arena rooting him on, he surged to the wall nearly two body lengths ahead of anyone else.

Whirling around and flipping up his goggles to get a better look at the scoreboard, Phelps squinted his eyes when the time flashed.

"I shocked myself," Phelps said. "I heard the crowd the last 50 [meters]. I didn't know how close I was or how far I was under it. You could tell by the expression on my face. I was shocked."

PAUL NEWBERRY (AP)



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Urbina Is Sentenced To 14 Years

Pitcher is penalized for his role in attack on a group of men in 2005

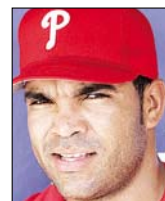
BASEBALL | Former major league baseball pitcher Ugueth Urbina was sentenced to 14 years in prison for the attempted murder of five workers on his family's ranch, the Attorney General's Office announced Wednesday.

Urbina was also found guilty of illegal deprivation of liberty and violating a prohibition against taking justice into his own hands during a dispute over a gun on Oct. 16, 2005, according to a statement from the Attorney General's Office.

The 32-year-old free agent was accused of joining a group of men in attacking and injuring workers with machetes and pouring gasoline on them at his family's ranch, located about 25 miles south of Caracas, Venezuela.

"The ruling was too severe," said Jose Antonio Baez, a former attorney who represented Urbina.

Urbina repeatedly has denied involvement with the violence, saying he was sleeping at the time of the attack. (AP)



Urbina

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The number of years since the Pittsburgh Penguins last made the playoffs. Pittsburgh clinched a spot in this year's postseason with a 4-3 win over the Capitals on Tuesday night in Washington.

Sports

Patterson Has Seized Role

Nationals' starter says pitching Opening Day is a reward for efforts

NATIONALS | Along with his hunting equipment and his red baseball gloves with the nickname "NASTY" stitched in blue, John Patterson was able to tuck away something else as he prepared Wednesday for the trip north: the knowledge that he's finally the No. 1 starter on a major league staff.

"John has taken his appointment as an ace ... seriously," Washington Nationals manager Manny Acta said, calling Patterson "our main guy."

It's certainly something the lanky right-hander appeared destined for years ago, when he was a No. 1 draft pick, a top prospect filled with potential — before surgery and other setbacks slowed his progress.

Patterson finished spring training Wednesday by throwing 6 2/3 innings in Washington's 2-2 split-squad tie against the Bal-



The Nationals' Opening Day starter, John Patterson, left, threw 6 2/3 inning against the Orioles on Wednesday. His next start will kick off the season against the Marlins.

timore Orioles.

"Things were working," Patterson said. "I felt pretty strong all the way through. All my pitches were working well today."

The next time he pulls on that red mitt and climbs a mound to face a foe, it will be as Washington's Opening Day starter Monday

against the Florida Marlins. And don't try to tell him that pitching game one of a season is quite the same as pitching game two.

"It's big," Patterson said. "The culmination of a lot of hard work. It's kind of a reward for the time that I've put in."

HOWARD FENDRICH (AP)

Nats Put Johnson on 15-Day DL

NATIONALS | As expected, Washington Nationals first baseman Nick Johnson went on the 15-day disabled list Wednesday, while he recovers from the broken right leg that ended his 2006 season.

Right-hander Luis Ayala (reconstructive elbow surgery in March

2006), left-hander Mike O'Connor (left elbow surgery in November) and outfielder Alex Escobar (right shoulder surgery in September) also all were put on the 15-day DL.

Also Wednesday, the Nationals selected right-hander Jesus Colome's contract from Triple-A Columbus.

Johnson will go north with the team to continue his rehab work in Washington. He has yet to resume full baseball activities, and the team doesn't have a timetable for when it thinks he might return to action.

The Nats have 27 players in big league camp and expect to finalize their 25-man roster after Saturday's exhibition against the Orioles. (AP)

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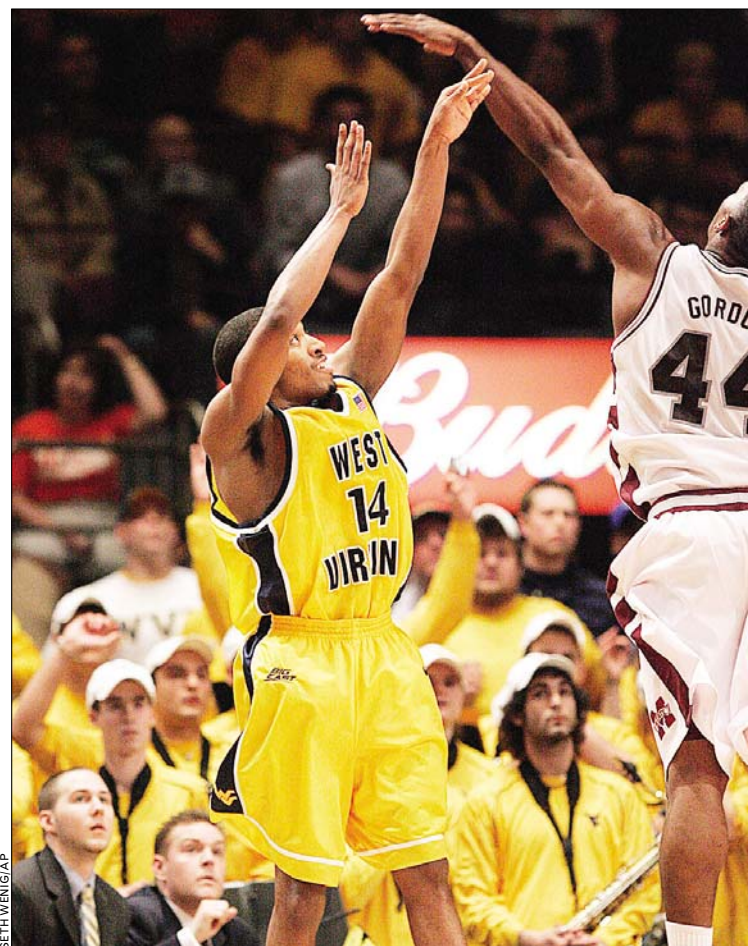
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West Virginia's Darris Nichols, left, hits a game-winning 3-pointer at the buzzer to help the Mountaineers beat Mississippi State 63-62 and earn a spot in the NIT final.

For NIT Finalists, The Work Goes On

Mountaineers, Tigers are happy to be getting up early for 1 more day

COLLEGE BASKETBALL | West Virginia's John Beilein took a break from feverishly drawing up a game plan for his next opponent in the National Invitation Tournament to catch a few hours of sleep.

As the sun rose Wednesday, so did Beilein and his staff. The one comforting thought was that Beilein figured Clemson's Oliver Purnell was probably doing the same.

"It is the one profession where we love to get more work," Beilein said Wednesday during a news conference previewing the NIT finals. "The Air Force Academy and Mississippi State are not up at 6 a.m. or staying up late like our coaches did working. They would rather be working. They would

rather be still playing now."

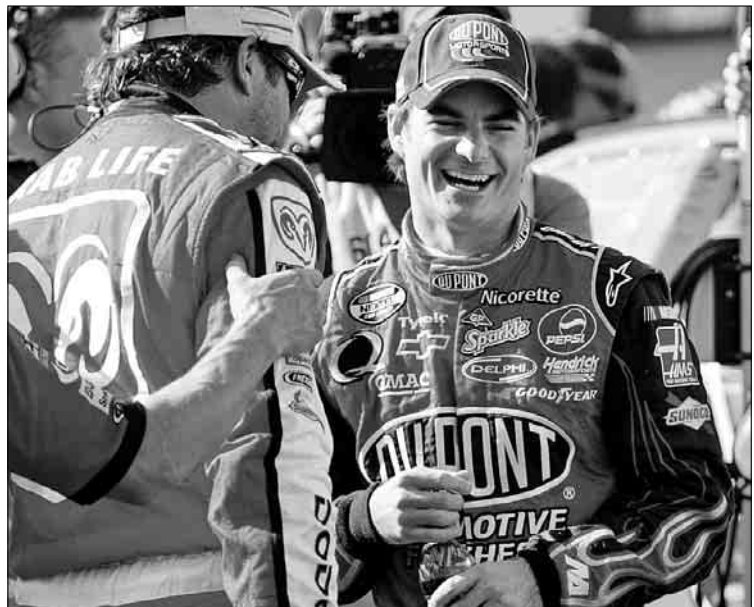
Both teams' seasons are still going because of one-point victories at Madison Square Garden on Tuesday night. West Virginia edged Mississippi State 63-62 on Darris Nichols' buzzer-beating 3-pointer. A few hours later, Clemson held on to beat Air Force 68-67.

The Tigers (25-10) and Mountaineers (26-9) will meet Thursday night for the championship.

The Tigers are in the NIT semifinals for the second time, and first since losing to California in the 1999 championship. Clemson has never won an NIT or NCAA men's basketball title, so they're motivated to bring a trophy home.

"I think it would be another sign that the program is going in the right direction," Purnell said. "Every year, we have gotten better and better." DENNIS WASZAK JR. (AP)

Sports



With a new bride, a daughter on the way and a first-place start to the Nextel Cup season, Jeff Gordon, right, has plenty to smile about as he talks with Elliot Sadler.

Career-Best Start For Father-to-Be

Gordon hasn't let the prospect of parenthood slow him down at all

AUTO RACING | This much Jeff Gordon knows for sure: His life will change dramatically when his daughter is born this summer.

And maybe, just maybe, his NASCAR career won't seem quite so important.

"I think it's going to be one of two things: It's either going to make me work that much harder and appreciate racing that much more and enjoy it that much more," Gordon said. "Or it's going to make me go, 'I don't even want to do this.'"

The prospect of fatherhood

— the baby is due in late June or early July — certainly hasn't diminished his enthusiasm for racing. The four-time Cup champion is off to a career-best start and is leading the points race for the first time since February 2005.

The 35-year-old Gordon is fresh off a third-place finish at Bristol Motor Speedway, his third top-5 finish already this season.

"I think that our team is really strong right now," said Gordon, seeking his first Cup title since 2001. "Every time we go through something like we went through Sunday, where we faded to the back and fought our way to the front, it only makes us stronger."

JOHN ZENOR (AP)

Indians' Sabathia Hit by Line Drive

BASEBALL | Cleveland ace C.C. Sabathia's left forearm was bruised when he was struck by a line drive in his final spring training tuneup on Wednesday, putting in doubt his scheduled start in the Indians' opener next week at Chicago.

Sabathia instinctively threw up his arms but was unable to shield himself from the hard shot off the bat of Toronto leadoff hitter Reed

Johnson.

The ball smashed into the outside of Sabathia's arm, above his wrist. X-rays were negative and he'll be re-evaluated on Thursday.

"It's swelling pretty good," Sabathia said. "I do have a full range of motion. It's feeling better, but I'm sure it'll be sore tomorrow. I'm optimistic. I'm going to do everything I can to get out there Monday." (AP)



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OFF POINT: Spurs point guard Tony Parker, fiance of Eva Longoria and France's biggest basketball star, released his debut rap album in France this week. The album, "Tony Parker," addresses the generally soft-spoken Parker's lavish lifestyle.



Sports

Rutgers Keeps Surprising Everyone

Shocking Final Four run caps off amazing year for the Knights

WOMEN'S NCAA TOURNAMENT | With the loss of an All-American, no seniors on the roster, and five freshmen seeing significant minutes, Rutgers coach C. Vivian Stringer never thought this team would make a run to the Final Four.

Now the Scarlet Knights are two wins from getting their Hall of Fame coach her first national championship.

"I'm totally stunned. There is no way in this world that I could tell you this was a Final Four team," Stringer said Wednesday. "You can knock me over with a feather, as this team was the least likely of any



Rutgers' young team rode its tough defense to the Final Four. The Scarlet Knights beat Arizona State 64-45 in the Regional final, and they will face LSU on Sunday.

team I've ever coached. I never felt as bleak as I was at the beginning of a season."

Rutgers lost four of its first seven games and fell from its No. 12 pre-season ranking out of the poll.

"I've never worked with a group of young people who had to come from such a great distance back," Stringer said.

With Monday's 64-45 win over Arizona State in the Greensboro Regional final, Stringer takes the Scarlet Knights to the Final Four for the second time in her 12-year tenure at the school.

The matchup with LSU on Sunday in the national semifinals, caps a tremendous year for the New Jersey school. The football team rose to national prominence with a top-10 ranking and a first-ever bowl win and that provided a springboard for the basketball team.

"What the football team did is phenomenal, and it has really helped us," Stringer said. "I hope we are continuing to keep the Rutgers name in a big positive way." (AP)

Sophomore Paris Is All-America For Second Year

WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS | Courtney Paris has been the model of consistency in her college career.

The Oklahoma center has racked up 61 straight games with double-figure scoring and rebounding and, on Wednesday, became the first player selected her first two years for The AP All-America team.

"It's a big honor to me," said Paris, the 6-foot-4 daughter of former NFL lineman Bubba Paris.

North Carolina senior Ivory Latta also was a first-team repeater from last year. Also chosen were Tennessee sophomore Candace Parker — who was a second-team selection last season and was picked on 49 of the 50 ballots this year — Duke senior Lindsey Harding and Ohio State senior Jessica Davenport. (AP)

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FIRST-PERSON PERSPECTIVE: Justin Kan lets Web viewers follow his life — through his outlook on it. He's rarely on camera.

Point of View

'Lifecasting' is a new tweak for folks living life on the Web

VOYEURS | Justin Kan has strapped a camera to the side of his head, and he won't turn it off. Kan has been video blogging nonstop, 24/7.

Everything he does (including going to the bathroom) streams live on Justin.tv, where his phone number is posted for fans to call him and a chat room facilitates discussion.

He calls it "lifecasting."

"I've always had the theory that people like watching people," said Kan, a 23-year-old Yale graduate, from his San Francisco apartment. The experiment might recall movies like "EDtv" or "The Truman Show." After going live around the

stroke of midnight on March 19, the site promptly attracted attention, thanks to coverage from blogs. Kan, who runs Justin.tv with three friends, tested the site privately for more than two months, he says.

Except for when he's sleeping, Kan is rarely on camera himself — we simply see from his perspective. It's a commercial enterprise and has several sponsors, including Zipcar and Bawls Guarana, an energy drink he guzzles.

Kan generally goes about his life as he would normally. In a fittingly postmodern twist, you often are watching him run Justin.tv. It has made him more active, though, he says. The site lists his schedule for the day, which often consists of meeting with various tech companies to learn how they do things.

"One of the ideas for Justin.tv

was that it would force me to go out and be sociable and talk to people," said Kan. "Our last company was really just four dudes sitting in a dark apartment coding all day."

There have been some surprises already. Kan said his two phones have been "destroyed" by heavy volume and on March 21, Kan and company were pranked when someone reported a stabbing at his apartment and made it appear that the call came from Kan's phone. Police arrived about 2 a.m. with guns drawn — all of which could be seen on Justin.tv. The next day, a fire was reported, and the authorities have since decided to confirm any emergency reported at Kan's apartment.

Generally, watching Kan's life is quite boring, but nevertheless oddly mesmerizing. **JAKE COYLE (AP)**

Oprah Pegs Next Book

DARKNESS | Oprah Winfrey's latest book club pick, Cormac McCarthy's "The Road," is a bleak, apocalyptic novel by an author who rarely talks to the media. "It is so extraordinary," Winfrey said. "I promise you, you'll be thinking about it long after you

finish the final page."

McCarthy, 73, is known for novels such as "All the Pretty Horses" and "Blood Meridian" and has been widely cited as an heir to William Faulkner. Critic Harold Bloom has called McCarthy one of the great-

est living American writers, along with Don DeLillo, Philip Roth and Thomas Pynchon.

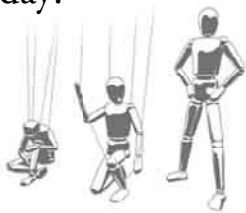
In coming weeks, the reclusive McCarthy will conduct his "first television interview ever," Winfrey said. **MEGAN REICHGOTT (AP)**

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HE LOVES THE CAMERA: Rob Lowe has turned his guest spots as conservative Sen. Robert McCallister on ABC's "Brothers & Sisters" into a full-fledged gig for next season. The show has seen its ratings rise since Lowe joined the prime-time soap as Calista Flockhart's romantic interest.



Television

ON TV TONIGHT

TRIP OF A LIFETIME

Alban and Melanie Ulle host **1,000 PLACES TO SEE BEFORE YOU DIE** (9 p.m., Travel). Who on earth are the Ulles? Newlyweds from Colorado, they were selected from more than 900 couples vying for the chance to plan their own 14-week world tour, visiting 13 countries and dozens of destinations, from Alaska to Cambodia.

BARBARELLA SPEAKS

Robert Osborne interviews Jane Fonda on **PRIVATE SCREENINGS** (8 p.m., Eastern, TCM). Fonda's controversial reputation has made some forget that she was a box-office draw for two decades.

RECYCLING IN 'THE OFFICE'

Toby (Paul Lieberstein), the human-resources director, hosts a five-epi-



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sode retrospective of **THE OFFICE** (NBC): Michael ruins diversity day (8 p.m.), Dwight manhandles health care (8:30 p.m.), Todd visits (9 p.m.), Michael seeks sympathy (10 p.m.), Michael "outs" a colleague (10:30 p.m.).

You're Outta Here

New doc shows even famous folks hate it when they get 'Fired!'

BYE | Actress Annabelle Gurwitsch and dozens of her famous friends appear in the documentary "Fired!" (8:30 p.m., Showtime), a whimsical meditation on getting canned.

Gurwitch became obsessed with the subject only after being fired from a play by Woody Allen in a rather brutal fashion. A dramatic re-creation of the scene is presented here, "starring" Gurwitch and a pretty good Allen impersonator.

Gurwitch then decided to talk



CANNED: Annabelle Gurwitch spills about being fired by Woody Allen.

to friends and colleagues about their experiences on the short end of the pink slip. The results are funny and revealing. She eventually turned the whole process into an ongoing stage show.

Tim Allen got fired from a tool-and-die plant because he worked too quickly. Sarah Silverman's termination from "SNL" arrived in the form of a fax to her agent. Actor and economist Ben Stein explains what it's like to get fired from the (Ford) White House — by Donald Rumsfeld.

"Fired!" is amusing when it sticks to Gurwitch's showbiz pals, but when she compares the problems of actors between gigs to ordinary people without jobs, "Fired!" becomes glib and self-obsessed.

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	WMPT	22	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)			Business Rpt.		Business Conn.		MotorWeek		This Old House		Nova Population trends in China.					Heart and Soul: The Life and Music of Frank Loesser (N)				Earth Edition				
	WETA	26	BBC World News			Business Rpt.		The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)			Silent Witness "Only the Lonely"					Waking the Dead Deathbed confession to 12 murders.					Charlie Rose (N)						
	WHUT	32	Tony Brown			Tavis Smiley		BBC World News			Great Performances "Jerry Lee Lewis: Last Man Standing Live"					BBC World News			Tavis Smiley			Charlie Rose (N)					
	WDCW	50	My Wife and Kids			My Wife and Kids		Friends		Friends		Smallville "Hydro"			Supernatural "Croatoan"			Will & Grace		Will & Grace		Sex and the City		Sex and the City			
BASIC CABLE	A&E	Crossing Jordan "Perfect Storm"					CSI: Miami "Collision"			CSI: Miami "Double Jeopardy"					The First 48			The Execution of Wanda Jean The legal team of Wanda Jean Allen. (N)									
	Animal	The Crocodile Hunter Diaries					The Most Extreme "Super Senses"			World's Ugliest Dog Competition					E-Vets: Things Pets Swallow			Animal Cops Houston			World's Ugliest Dog Competition						
	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live					The Black Carpet			Run's House			College Hill		Rip the Runway			Girlfriends			Girlfriends		Jamie Foxx		Jamie Foxx		
	Bravo	Top Design "Life of the Party"					Top Design Dining room design.			Top Design Modern hotel room.					Work Out			Work Out Skylab dream.			Grease: You're the One That I Want						
	Comedy	(5:00) "I'm Gonna Git You Sucka"					Scrubs		Scrubs		Daily Show			Colbert Report		Mind of Mencia		South Park		South Park		David Spade		Daily Show		Colbert Report	
	Court	Forensic Files		Forensic Files			Cops		Cops		Under Fire (N)			Under Fire (N)		World's Scariest Police Shootouts!			Forensic Files		Forensic Files		Psychic Detect		Hollywood Heat		
	Discovery	It Takes a Thief					Survivorman			A Haunting "The Dark Side"			A Haunting "The Forgotten"		A Haunting Mary Vogel.			Cash Cab			Cash Cab		Cash Cab		Cash Cab		
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	Disney	Zack & Cody		That's So Raven			Phil of the Future			Zack & Cody		"The Luck of the Irish" (2001) Ryan Merriman.					Phil of the Future		Life With Derek		Phil of the Future		Zack & Cody		That's So Raven		
	E!	Jennifer Aniston					E! News (N)			The Daily 10 (N)			Sandra Bullock Revealed Actress.					20 Richest Women in Entertainment			Girl Next Door		Dating Show		E! News		The Daily 10
	FX	King of the Hill		King of the Hill			That '70s Show			That '70s Show			** "White Chicks" (2004) Shawn Wayans. Two male FBI agents pose as female socialites.					** "White Chicks" (2004, Comedy) Shawn Wayans.									
	HGTV	Look What I Did!		Small Space			If Walls Could			House Hunters			Designed to Sell		Buy Me		Divine Design (N)		Landscapers		House Hunters (N)		House Hunters		Over Your Head		Don't Sweat It
	Family	7th Heaven "Drunk"					Smallville "Ryan"			"Bring It On: All or Nothing" (2006, Comedy) Hayden Panettiere.					Whose Line?			Whose Line?		The 700 Club							
	History	Modern Marvels: The Butcher					Modern Marvels: Assembly Lines			Decoding the Past "Vampire Secrets"					Modern Marvels: Icebreakers			Modern Marvels: Sub-Zero									
	Lifetime	Reba		Reba			Still Standing			Still Standing			Reba		Reba		"Lost Behind Bars" (2006, Suspense) Paget Brewster, Antonio Cupo.			Will & Grace			Will & Grace				
	MTV	Next					Discover-Video			Parental Control			Parental Control		Bam's Union			Bam's Union		Jackass "Gumball Rally" Race.			Viva La Bam		Viva La Bam		
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SCI FI	Stargate SG-1 "Children of the Gods"					* "Gargoyles: Wings of Darkness" (2004) Michael Paré, Sandra Hess.					"Reign of the Gargoyles" (2007, Fantasy) Joe Penny, Wes Ramsey.					*** "Dog Soldiers" (2002, Horror)											
SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation					CSI: Crime Scene Investigation			CSI: Crime Scene Investigation			TNA Wrestling Impact!			Pros vs. Joes (N)			Bullrun									
TBS	Seinfeld		Seinfeld			Every-Raymond			Every-Raymond			Friends		Friends		Friends		* "A Night at the Roxbury" (1998, Comedy) Will Ferrell, Chris Kattan.									
TLC	Flip That House		Flip That House			Overhaulin' "Junk in the Trunk"			American Chopper			American Chopper			American Chopper Computer-themed.			Biker Build-Off (N)			American Chopper Computer-themed.						
TNT	Without a Trace "Risen"					Without a Trace "Gung-Ho"			NBA Basketball Detroit Pistons at Chicago Bulls. From the United Center in Chicago. (Live)			NBA Basketball Phoenix Suns at Golden State Warriors.															
USA	Law & Order: Criminal Intent					Law & Order: Criminal Intent "F.P.S."			Law & Order: Special Victims Unit			Law & Order: Special Victims Unit			Law & Order: Criminal Intent			Law & Order: Criminal Intent			Law & Order: Special Victims Unit						
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NEWS	CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight				The Situation Room				Paula Zahn Now		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360													
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	MSNBC	Tucker				Hardball				Countdown With Keith Olbermann		Scarborough Country		Countdown With Keith Olbermann				Wounds of War Iraqi hospitals.									
MOVIES	AMC	** "Black Dog" (1998, Action) Patrick Swayze, Meat Loaf. 'PG-13'				** "The Quick and the Dead" (1995, Western) Sharon Stone. 'R'				(:15) *** "High Plains Drifter" (1973, Western) Clint Eastwood. 'R'																	
	TCM	(5:00) Penthouse ** "Robin Hood of El Dorado" (1936) Warner Baxter.				Private Screenings: Jane Fonda (N)				*** "Barefoot in the Park" (1967, Comedy) Robert Redford. 'G'				Private Screenings: Jane Fonda													
	HBO	** "Poseidon" (2006) Josh Lucas. 'PG-13'				Last Mimzy				** "Take the Lead" (2006, Musical) Antonio Banderas. 'PG-13'				Big Love "Viagra Blue"				The Best Sex: A Retrospective									
	MAX	** "Mobsters" (1991) Christian Slater. 'R'				(:45) *** "V for Vendetta" (2006) Natalie Portman. A vigilante fights a fascist government. 'R'				** "Cheaper by the Dozen 2" (2005) Steve Martin. 'PG'				Best Sex Ever													
	SHOW	Duane Hopwood				** "The Longest Yard" (2005) Adam Sandler. iTV. 'PG-13'				** "Fired!" (2007, Comedy) iTV Premiere. 'NR'				Penn & Teller		This Am. Life		The L Word "Long Time Coming"									
	TMC	My Date				(:20) ** "House of D" (2004) Anton Yelchin. 'PG-13'				** "Ace Ventura: Pet Detective" (1994) Jim Carrey. 'G'		** "Be Cool" (2005, Comedy) John Travolta. 'PG-13'		*** Freeway													
STARZ!	(5:30) *** "Swingers" (1996) 'R'				(:10) ** "Mindhunters" (2004, Suspense) LL Cool J. 'R'				** "Flightplan" (2005) Jodie Foster. 'PG-13'		(:40) ** "Silent Hill" (2006) Radha Mitchell. 'R'																
ENCORE	(:15) ** "Sky High" (2005, Comedy) Michael Anagnano. 'PG'				*** "Sleepless in Seattle" (1993) Tom Hanks, Meg Ryan. 'PG'				*** "The Parent Trap" (1998, Comedy) Lindsay Lohan. 'PG'																		

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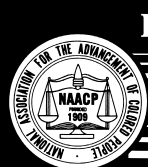
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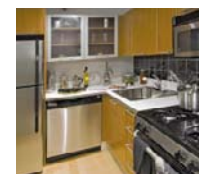
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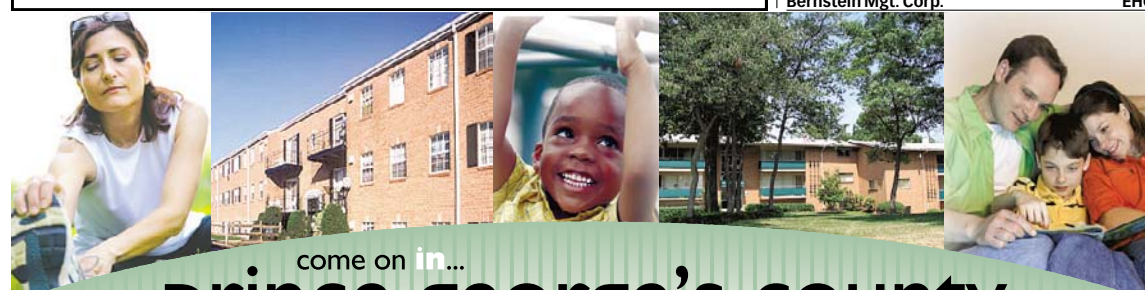
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Trend

Playful minicars for young women are a hot seller in Japan

Ayano Sasao is defying the conventional wisdom that cars targeted toward a niche consumer category like young women are doomed to fail.

The 18-year-old Japanese hospital worker just bought a Nissan

Pino, a toylike minicar just 11 feet long with star-stamped upholstery, a hook for a handbag and a chic "milk tea beige" exterior — although she says she almost went with the pink.

"It's so cute. I just love it," she said.

To make sure women like Sasao get the message, Nissan Motor Co. launched a merchandise line for Pino, including pink bear-shaped cushions, seat covers with hearts, a CD case that looks like fat red lips, and a colorful cover for a tissue box.

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PERFECT FIT: Japanese hospital worker Ayano Sasao, 18, owns a Nissan Pino.

Nissan had 5,500 orders for the Pino in the first month since it went on sale in January, more than double the company target of 2,500 a month.

While models such as sports cars or family minivans target segments of the population, auto companies generally avoid producing models aimed at narrow niche markets,

because they usually don't sell in big numbers.

Toyota Motor Corp. officials often say they don't believe in overly specific marketing tactics, which are apt to backfire for an automaker known for best-sellers like the Camry and Corolla.

And in most countries, experts tend to advise against making autos

pink or adding other "cute" features to appeal to female drivers, partly because that may smack of sexism and turn off women — except in Japan.

Here, young women are extremely powerful in setting trends, and the culture of cute is so prevalent that grown men aren't embarrassed about dangling little mascots from cell phones.

"Product image is far more important for Japanese consumers than American consumers," Ikegami said. "There's a much bigger element of personal identity in Japanese marketing."

Nissan marketing manager Miwa Ishii says one goal for Pino is to court young drivers to the Nissan brand with hopes they'll move on to buy more expensive models in the future.

"Rather than talk about the features of a minicar, we thought it's better to talk about how cute it is," she said. "It's a new model. We're starting from zero to build public awareness about it." YURI KAGEYAMA (AP)

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"We have the opportunity now

“Part of what we need to do is reach beyond the Civil War buffs — to be able to tell the story ... to a broader audience.”

DAN ROWE, GA. TOURISM OFFICIAL

to really take a step back and look at it from a variety of perspectives and tell a complete story that really helps define where we have been and where we are as a people," said Dan Rowe, deputy tourism commissioner with the state Department of Economic Development.

Georgia is home to some key wartime locales — from northwest Georgia's Chickamauga Battlefield, site of the last major Confederate victory and the war's second-bloodiest battle, to coastal Fort McAllister, the end of Gen. William T. Sherman's March to the Sea.

Other important sites include First African Baptist Church in



The Kennesaw Mountain battlefield in Kennesaw, Ga., saw heavy fighting in 1864.

Savannah, a crucial spot on the Underground Railroad that shepherded slaves to freedom, and the

Andersonville National Historic Site, where as many as 33,000 Union captives were held in a pris-

oner-of-war camp.

The largest part of the project, which likely will be approved by the state Legislature this year, would be to develop the battlefield site at Resaca, in northwest Georgia. Resaca was the site of the first battle in Sherman's Atlanta campaign.

Kennesaw Mountain, a national battlefield park, is another important site. Heavy fighting occurred there in 1864, resulting in the deaths of more than 5,000 soldiers.

The state has reached out to colleges and universities, the Georgia Historical Society and other groups for help telling all aspects of Georgia's story.

"Part of what we need to do is reach beyond just the Civil War buffs — to be able to tell the story in a compelling way to a much broader audience and get them interested," Rowe said.

He'll be pushing stories like that of St. Stephens Episcopal Church in Milledgeville, where visitors can see the hoofprints left by horses stabled by Union troops, and an organ given to the church by a New Yorker after learning Union soldiers poured molasses into the pipes of the old one.

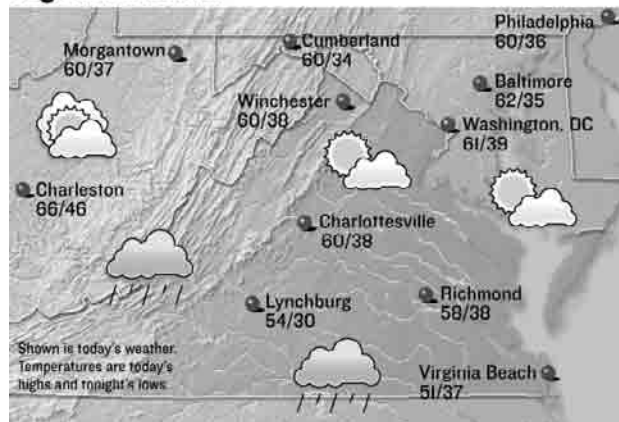
"When you hear those stories, you can't help but say, 'Next time I'm in Milledgeville, I want to go to that church,'" Rowe said.

DOUG GROSS (AP)

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
61°	39°	70° / 44°	67° / 46°	69° / 49°	70° / 52°

Regional Weather



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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Wed.

Temperature

High	71°
Low	60°
Normal high	60°
Normal low	41°
Average humidity	58%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	3.19"
Normal month to date	3.28"
Year to date	7.87"
Last year to date	5.76"
Normal year to date	9.12"

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Regional Forecast

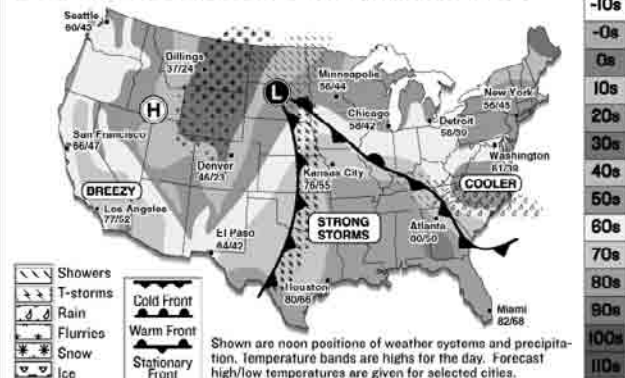
D.C. Metro: Today, mostly sunny. High 61. Wind northeast 7-14 mph. Tonight, clear, seasonably cool. Low 39. Wind north-northeast 4-8 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	6:58 a.m.
Sunset tonight	7:20 p.m.
Moonrise today	3:50 p.m.
Moonset today	5:14 a.m.

Full	Last	New	First
Apr 2	Apr 10	Apr 17	Apr 24

National Weather for Thursday, March 29



National Cities

City	Today	Fri.
Atlanta	80/50/t	67/53/s
Boston	44/32/s	58/34/s
Chicago	58/42/c	66/45/t
Dallas	76/64/t	73/57/t
Denver	46/23/pc	51/31/pc
Honolulu	82/68/s	81/69/s
Los Angeles	77/52/s	77/52/s
Miami	82/68/s	82/69/s
New York City	56/45/s	66/41/s
Orlando	84/62/s	84/63/pc
Seattle	60/43/pc	54/39/r

World Cities

City	Today	Fri.
Amsterdam	57/43/t	52/43/r
Athens	61/46/pc	63/50/pc
Berlin	57/39/pc	59/43/pc
Buenos Aires	77/68/r	73/63/r
Calgary	49/24/s	44/25/pc
Dublin	46/37/sh	48/37/sh
Geneva	55/39/sh	45/36/r
Moscow	59/37/s	55/40/pc
Rome	61/50/r	63/48/t
Sydney	77/57/t	71/55/s
Tokyo	62/51/s	61/47/sh

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, st-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

Styles

Look
out


Rain Trust

When the sky starts to cry, shelter yourself with pleasing parasols

You've got the killer outfit, the perfect shoes, even a chic designer handbag.

But when the rain starts to fall, do you reach for a flimsy black umbrella, bought in haste during the last rainstorm? Or, worse, a bulky golf umbrella that came free with your checking account?

If so, it's time to go shopping.

"Umbrellas are becoming the new accessory," says stylist Felix Mercado, who serves as a celebrity style expert for Fox News Channel, who says some of his high-profile clients have been calling this month requesting trendy umbrellas. "You're going to see a lot of the fashionistas playing it up with interesting umbrellas," he says.

The interest in the decidedly utilitarian item is driving manufacturers to come up with new and prettier designs that repel rain but attract compliments.

ShedRain, for example, which produces both high-end and lower-priced umbrellas, is selling a line of luxury umbrellas, designed by the Italian company Ombrelli, that retail for \$195 this year. The handle and shaft are made from a single, hand-carved piece of wood, and the canopy is covered with Italian twill polyester in a variety of prints, including plaids, florals and a Tibetan-inspired stripe.

"If people are paying \$195 for an umbrella, they're seeing it as a fashion accessory," said Jeff Blauer,

ShedRain's executive vice president of business development.

Seattle-based Pare Umbrellas offers several lingerie-inspired designs this season, a style that's become popular on both sides of the Atlantic. "When it is closed, it looks like an old-styled bloomer," says owner Satoko Kobayashi of the company's frilly "Mary Poppins" model.

French lingerie designer Chantal Thomass offers seven new umbrella designs adorned with a similarly sexy mix of lace, bows and Swarovski crystals.

Mercado recently ordered Thomass's "Pom-Pom" model for a client. "Women are saying, 'I'm going to have fun with this,'" he says. "It's like an extension of your personality."



IN SUNSHINE OR IN RAIN: Umbrellas are now designed to work in any kind of weather. The Totes Sunguard Family Jumbo Umbrella (top, \$15, totes-isotoner.com), has an SPF of 50 for beachy days. The Gel Handle Umbrella from ShedRain (left, \$25, rainshop.com) has a comfy, cushy grip. The lace-trimmed "Mary Poppins" from Pare (above, \$65, pareumbrella.com) puts a nicely feminine touch to an icky day.



High-fashion umbrellas are being marketed to men, as well as to women.

"It's an accessory as important as your briefcase," says David Kahng, CEO of Davek, which sells men's umbrellas for \$95 at stores such as Neiman-Marcus and Saks Fifth Avenue. Kahng, a mechanical engineer, designed his umbrellas with a solid steel shaft and a flexible, carbon polymer frame. The company offers a lifetime guarantee against breakage.

But Kahng says fashion is also a priority for customers, and he now sells black umbrellas with one contrasting panel, either pale blue or wasabi green.

"Until now, with a handbag or shoes or sunglasses, there was that expectation. But until recently umbrellas didn't have that fashion clout," he says. MELISSA RAYWORTH (AP)

“IT'S AN ACCESSORY AS IMPORTANT AS YOUR BRIEFCASE.”

Jewelry



The Look of Liz

In a world where Paula Abdul has her own jewelry line, it's nice to know that there are some people who understand that inspiration should really come from, you know, actual stars. So **CHRISTIE'S** is selling off three couture pieces inspired by Elizabeth Taylor. That's Lot #209 above, consisting of cushion and oval-cut rubies with round and marquise-cut diamond floral accents. It's expected to go for \$180,000 to \$250,000. The auction will be held on April 25 in New York. KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)

Beauty

Crunchy, Crazy

Except for the very best products, the results produced by volumizers fall into one of three categories: crunchy, sticky or crazy. **PAUL MITCHELL'S THICKEN UP** (\$13, see paulmitchell.com for stores) styling liquid falls firmly into crunchy, though the photo of a wild-eyed Kirstie Alley on the press material suggests it



also has some relatives in the House of Crazy. We combed in the recommended amount before blow-drying, but ended up with stiff sticks of clumped-together hair. The overall look was put-upon and bedraggled, which, really, is easy enough to achieve without any product at all. HOLLY J. MORRIS (EXPRESS)

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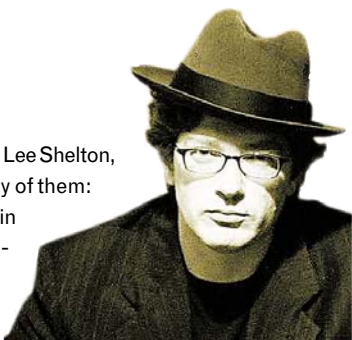

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ENTERTAINMENT

Going Stag

Of the numerous songs written about "Stag" Lee Shelton, there is one fact that is not contested in any of them: Shelton shot Billy Lyons at a bar in St. Louis in 1895. Derek McCulloch, author of the graphic novel "Stagger Lee," talks with Express about Shelton's legend. | [ONLINE NOW](#)



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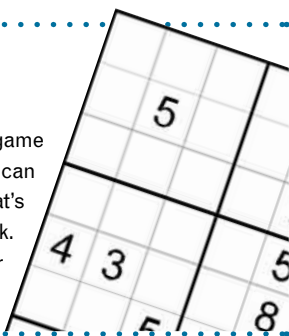
A Dead Enzo

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comment board

Any asset that doubles in value in a few years cannot stay there. That goes for houses, stocks, gold, paintings, you name it. When house prices drop 20 percent, a severe economic recession follows that hurts everyone. If I were to predict a bottom, I'd say not until at least mid-2008."

COMMENTER EDDIE G., RESPONDING TO WEDNESDAY'S POLL CENTER QUESTION, "HAS THE AREA'S REAL ESTATE MARKET HIT ROCK BOTTOM?"



Real estate prices in Washington have become unreal. There's only a limited number of people able or willing to spend half a million dollars on a two-bedroom condo, and that limit was reached well over a year ago."

COMMENTER VAUGHN, WHO GAVE THIS REASON FOR HIS THINKING: "THERE JUST AREN'T THAT MANY SUCKERS AROUND."

poll center

TODAY'S QUESTION

Should illegal immigrants be allowed in-state tuition?

1. Yes
2. No

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Has the area's real estate market hit rock bottom?

AS OF 5:45 P.M. WEDNESDAY. NOT A SCIENTIFIC POLL.



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Blog LOG

"As I type this, I am supposed to be in San Diego. ... But I'm not. I'm at home, with the doors locked, terrified."

HEADRUSH.TYPEPAD.COM WAS SUPPOSED TO BE AT A TECH CONFERENCE, BUT HAS BEEN RECEIVING DEATH THREATS, HIGHLIGHTING GROWING CYBERSTALKING CONCERNS.



RON EDMUNDS/AP

"As I got off the train this morning at Silver Spring, I looked over ... and noticed the trees are full of white blossoms."

ON WEDNESDAY, **FABULOUSMISS.TYPEPAD.COM** "TOOK A DEEP BREATH OF REALIZATION THAT SPRING IS ESSENTIALLY HERE. NO MORE COLD."



"I APPLAUD JOHN MCCAIN

for serving his country in Vietnam. I commend his bravery and strength for enduring captivity. But that ... does not mean you are entitled to your own fantasy world in Iraq."

LARRY JOHNSON, WRITING A PIECE FOR **COFFEEHOUSE.TPMCAFE.COM**, SAYS THE '08 PRESIDENTIAL CONTENDER HAS BECOME JACK NICHOLSON IN "THE SHINING."

"ONE OF MY biggest fears while sitting in the middle seat of an airplane is falling asleep ... and accidentally cuddling with my next-door neighbor."

A CONTRIBUTOR AT SOUTHWEST AIRLINE'S **BLOGSOUTHWEST.COM** DETAILS THE TOP ANNOYING PASSENGER BEHAVIORS.

"WHILE IT IS BAD for Paris Hilton to help finance such thoughtless genetic tampering, animal rights activists should remember that, just by existing, Paris has been supporting developmental retardation and unscrupulous breeding for years."

MOLLYGOOD.COM ON HILTON'S NEW TOY, A SPECIALLY BRED DWARF CAT.

Live Online

District Dining

Post food critic **TOM SIETSEMA** was online Wednesday to answer your questions, listen to your suggestions and even entertain your complaints about Washington dining.

Can you confirm or deny that Pedro Matamoros has left the Tabard Inn? His food has been the only reason I've gone there. Without him, where will this restaurant go?

There is no truth to the rumor, according to Nathan Swan, a host and server at the still-delicious

destination.

I got the chance in Vegas to eat at Joe's Stone Crab (absolutely divine). Is there anyplace in Washington, D.C., where I can get stone crab?

Indeed, there is! Washington's BLT Steak offers the seafood at market price, currently \$12 a claw.

Jeremiah here from the Tabard Inn. Our beloved Pedro will be leaving the Tabard at the end of April after seven years of dedicated and delicious cooking. We are currently accepting resumes for the chef position. If you know anyone, send them our way!

Thanks for the update, Jeremiah. I

guess your server-host didn't know when I called to check.

Tabard Inn. In search of a chef. Hmmmmmm.

We have friends coming to town to march in the Cherry Blossom Parade, and they are looking for a place or places that can accommodate about 50 people for lunch and/or dinner. Any ideas?

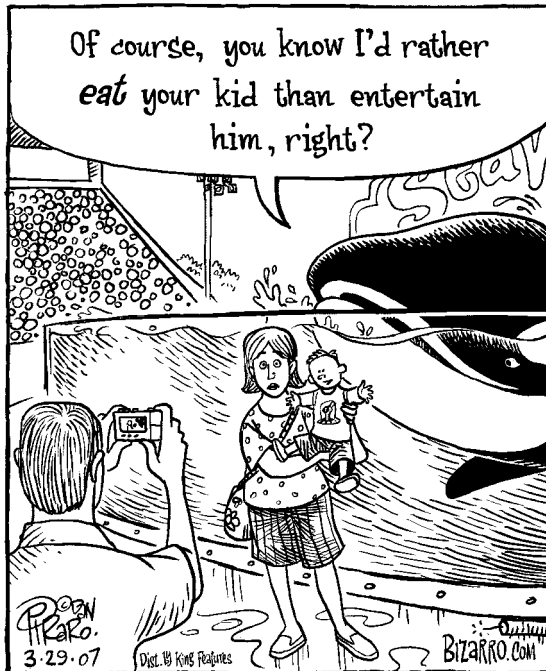
Does location matter? Price? I'm thinking the patios at Les Halles and the Occidental are worth checking out.

TODAY ON LIVE ONLINE: Post staff writers Marc Carig and Adam Kilgore discuss the Final Four matchups and the latest college basketball news at 2 p.m.

DO

PRACTICE YOUR FRENCH, GERMAN, ITALIAN OR SPANISH during this evening's Foreign Language Happy Hour at the Morrison-Clark hotel (1015 L St. NW; 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.) Rusty? Just smile and nod politely. Everyone seems more interesting in a language you can barely comprehend!

Bizarro | Dan Piraro



Cornered | Mike Baldwin



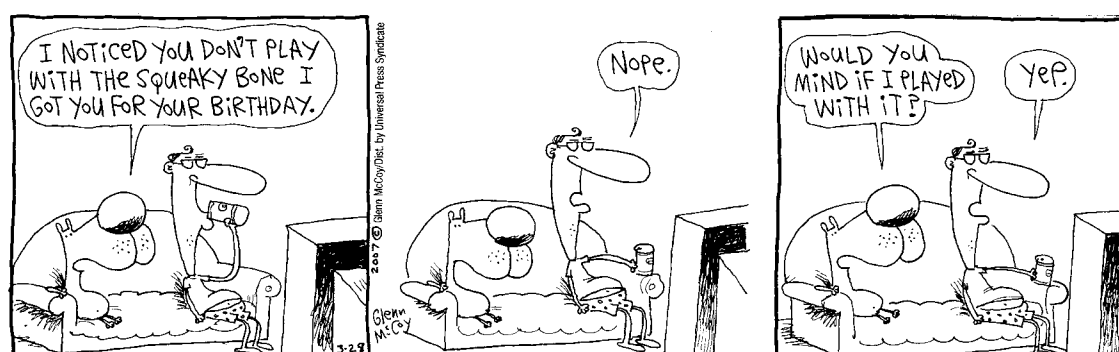
Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan



Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis



The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You're in no mood to be trifled with — and you had better make it clear just where your boundaries are at this time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your first attempts at something new and different are not likely to impress you — or others. Later, however, your star will shine brightly.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your love life demands your attention — and not for the last time this week. You're likely to find yourself in over your head.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your natural versatility brings you a long way — but toward evening you'll find that something is missing. It can be yours by day's end.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Race to finish ahead of others and you may find you were having more fun taking part. Cooperation is more valuable than competition.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Spend some time alone to recharge your emotional and

spiritual batteries. You've been too willing to get caught up in the grind recently.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) What begins as a lot of fun is likely to become a lot of work before you know it. Had you been prepared, you wouldn't be thrown for a loop.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You will be trusted to be there when you are most needed. Indeed, you can reap a great many rewards simply by helping others when required.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You'll want to stop and check in with your own immediate needs at regular intervals throughout the day. Health issues may arise unexpectedly.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Disappointment is inevitable, but you needn't let yourself retreat under a veil of distress. Use negatives to achieve positives.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You may find it difficult to communicate openly with a loved one or co-worker. There is more to this dilemma than meets the eye.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You'll find yourself in close proximity to someone who gives new meaning to the term self-involved. It's not catching, however.

Letters

Not My Generation

THANK YOU SO MUCH for recognizing ("Once More Again," March 29) the absurdity of long-standing media representations of "baby boomers" as some sort of

like-minded generation. It has always irked me to see my birth year (1964) lumped in with a group that defines itself in terms of Vietnam, hippies and Woodstock. My memories are of the fall of the Berlin Wall, video games and Bruce Springsteen.

— JOHN PIFER
Silver Spring, Md.

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Today in History

1847 Victorious forces led by Gen. Winfield Scott occupy the city of Vera Cruz after Mexican defenders capitulate.

1943 World War II meat, butter and cheese rationing begins.

1951 Julius and Ethel Rosenberg are convicted of conspiracy to commit espionage. (They were executed in June 1953.)

1971 Army Lt. William L. Calley Jr. is convicted of murdering 22 Vietnamese civilians in the My Lai massacre. (Calley ended up spending



Army Lt. William L. Calley Jr. was convicted of murder on this day in 1971.

three years under house arrest.)

1973 The last U.S. combat troops leave South Vietnam, ending America's direct military involvement in the Vietnam War.

LOOK out

People



"I'm high. Hmm ... I think I'll drive it off."

SNORE

Celebrity Abuses Driving Privileges; Earth Rotates

TABOO of the Black Eyed Peas was arrested Tuesday on suspicion of driving under the influence after a collision in Industry, Calif. He was released with a citation for possession of less than an ounce of marijuana, possession of a prescribed medication without a prescription and driving under the influence. (AP)

CONSPIRACY

Christ's Bloodline Remains Peeved, Exacts Revenge

Britain's Court of Appeal rejected a lawsuit Wednesday from two authors who claimed **DAN BROWN** stole their ideas for "The Da Vinci Code." Michael Baigent and Richard Leigh had sued Brown's publisher, claiming he had copied from their 1982 nonfiction book, "The Holy Blood and the Holy Grail." Both books deal with the theory that Jesus married Mary Magdalene and had a child and that the bloodline continues. (AP)



NOW-IDENTICAL BRUNETTE SINGERS

Mandy Moore Gives Van ... Wait

JESSICA SIMPSON has donated a minivan to an orphanage in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. Dozens of cheering children greeted the singer Sunday as she arrived in a white 2007 Chrysler she'd won at the MTV Video Music Awards. Simpson gave the keys to Guadalupe Carmona, the orphanage's founder. She stayed for about 40 minutes, posing for photos and signing autographs. Simpson announced last month that she would donate a car, Carmona said, but she did not expect Simpson to deliver it in person. (AP)

EXPOSITION

Sigh. That's A Pretty Good Reason For the Crazy

MARY WEILAND, wife of Scott, said an imbalance of medications for bipolar disorder caused rowdy behavior that left hotel rooms trashed and led to her arrest for allegedly torching the Velvet Revolver rocker's clothes. "The weekend's difficulties were brought on by a reaction to



We prefer stars wacky of their own free will.

an imbalance in medications used to treat my bipolar disorder," she said in a statement. "Reports that we were fighting at the Graciela Hotel are untrue," she said. "Scott was simply trying to help me calm down. I want to make it very clear that he did not hurt me in any way." (AP)



Foxy Brown expresses her individuality through what she throws at people.

TANTRUMS

Hair Glue Usurps Phone As Preferred Celeb Projectile

FOXY BROWN pleaded not guilty Wednesday to two misdemeanor charges stemming from an alleged scuffle at a beauty-supply store in Pembroke Pines, Fla. According to the Florida arrest report, Brown was applying products in the bathroom when an employee told her the store was closed and she needed to leave. She threw hair glue at the employee, then spat on him. (AP)

EXPLOITATION?

Is It Wrong That We Find This So Creepy?

Eight-year-old **BINDI IRWIN**, daughter of the late Steve Irwin, will make her debut this summer as a TV host. "Bindi: The Jungle Girl," designed to get kids interested in wildlife conservation, starts June 9 on the Discovery Kids Channel. (AP)



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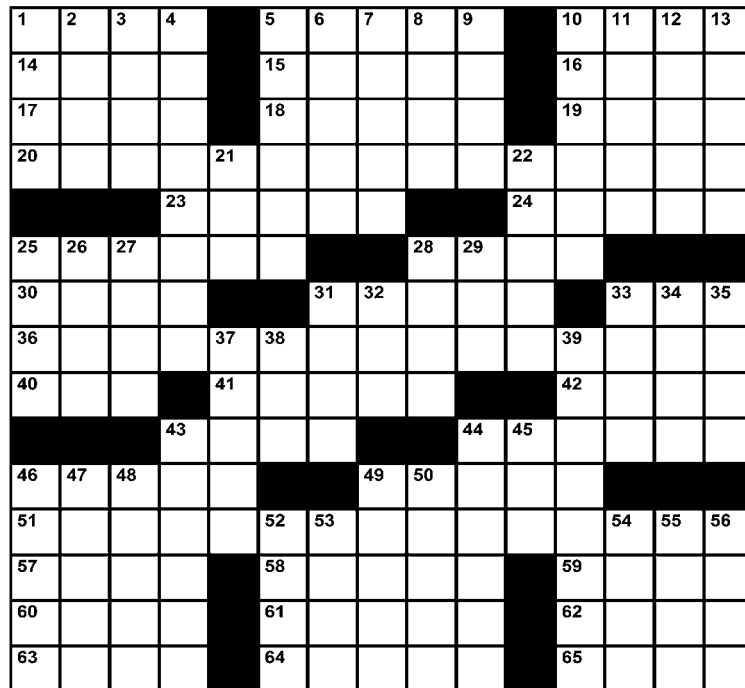
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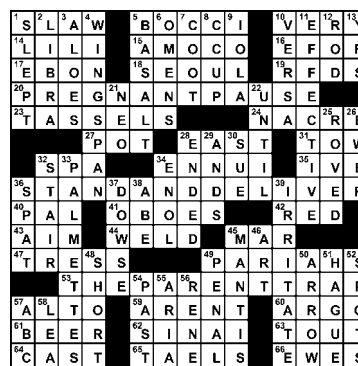
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33 Bob Hope, for one
34 Tried to get a hold of, in a way
35 Elbow counterpart
37 Clear, as a debt
38 In the manner of
39 Flood
43 Moves away from the flock
44 More than enough
45 Cariou of Broadway
46 "The Lord is my shepherd" begins one
47 Central

courtyards
48 Renders unclean
49 Crossed one's fingers
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Yesterday's Solution



Su|do|ku

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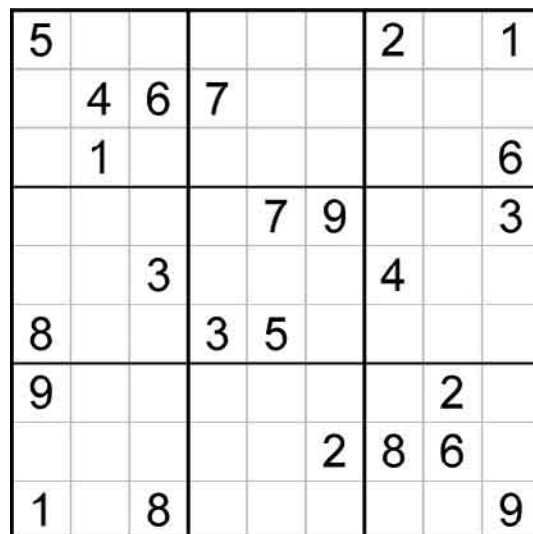
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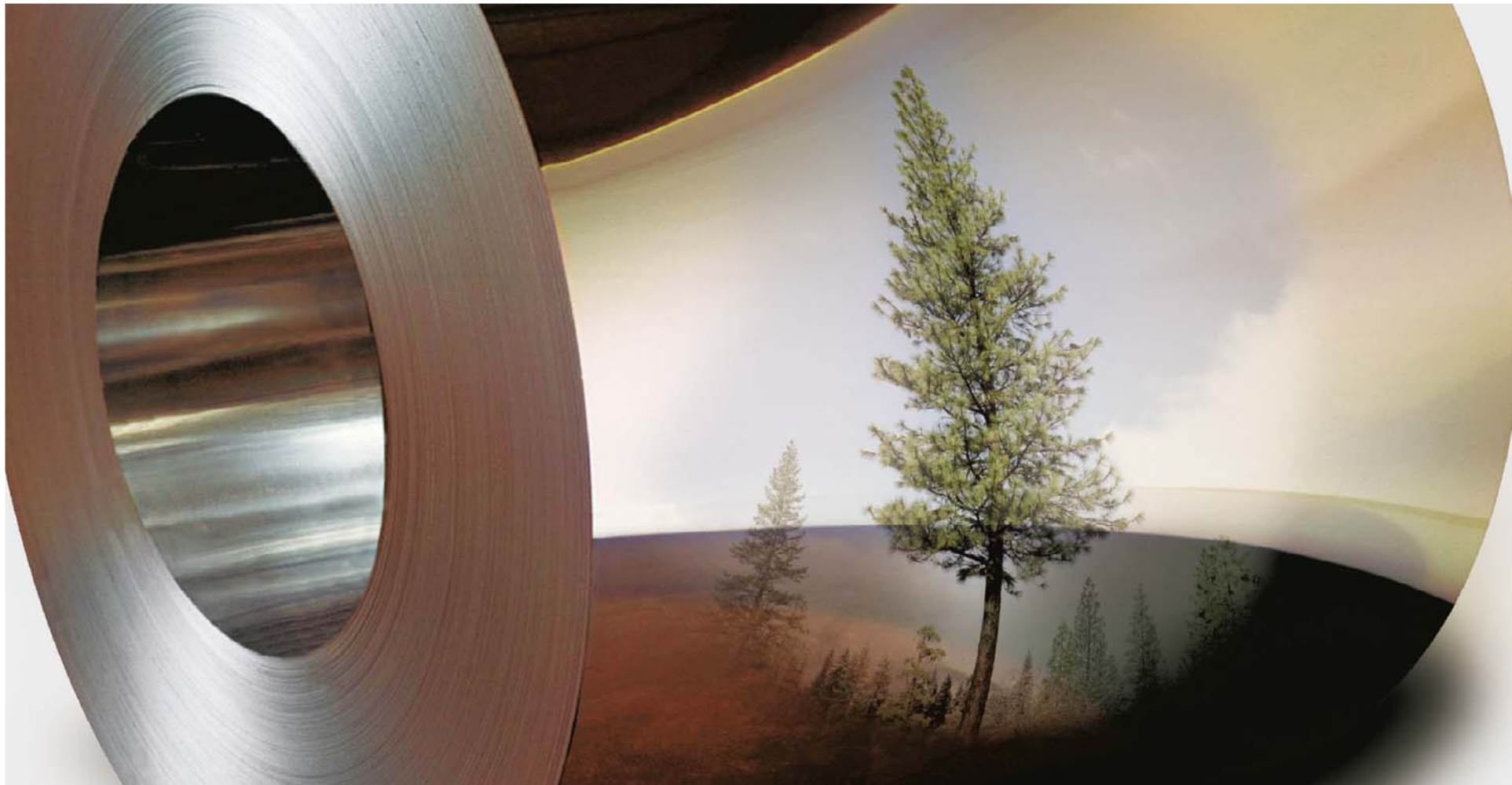
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NAME: Roger Rees **GIG:** Actor, star of one-man show, "What You Will: By and About the Bard"

WITH HIS FLOPPY, floppy hair and posh accent, Welsh-born actor Rees has charmed a couple of generations of TV viewers as a feckless boyfriend ("Cheers"), a perpetually potted British ambassador ("The West Wing") and a pompous heart surgeon ("Grey's Anatomy"). But it's the plays that remain the thing for this classical stage vet who had a stint with the Royal Shakespeare Company. He'll reminisce and recount stories about being Hamlet et al Friday through Sunday at the Folger Theatre in his one-man show, "What You Will: By and About the Bard."

So why Shakespeare? Why can't you, or we, get enough of him? Why is he by the bed with the Bible and Dickens, you mean? I

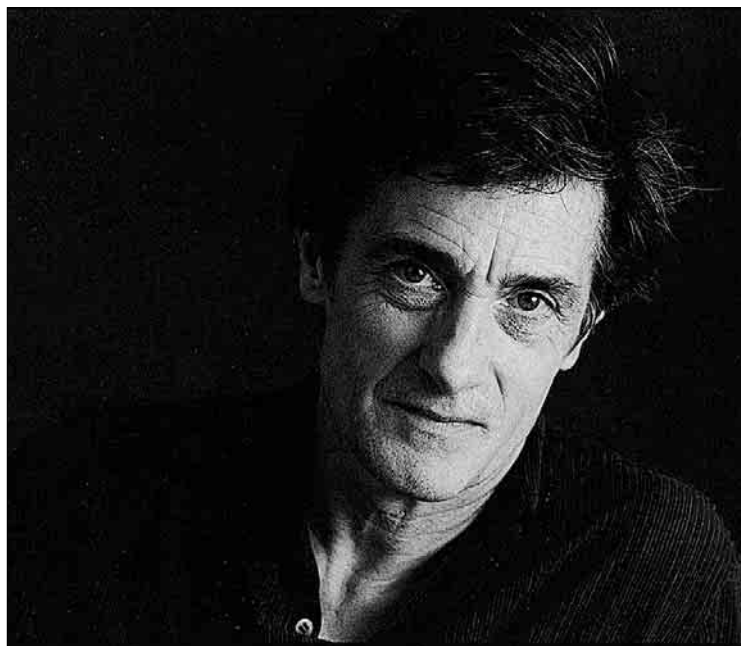
suppose it's that every emotion can be found in his work, and that he hits on everything in his plays. I mean, when we say "one fell swoop" or "to the manor born," we're quoting him.

How do you feel about those cheeky movies like "Romeo + Juliet," and teen comedies that loosely update the Bard?

It's great. I rather suspect that if Shakespeare were alive today, he'd be making movies. It's good that these young directors aren't being too exclusive or grand about things.

But doesn't Shakespeare need to be treated with some respect?

Shakespeare was among the first guys writing in iambic pentameter, so to him it must've felt like jazz. But he wasn't writing sacred poetry, so people shouldn't treat it as such. These plays are meant to be done standing up, not read



COURTESY FOLGER

Rees is familiar in the U.S. for his TV work, but he's logged plenty of time onstage.

out of a book.

You teach the Bard, as well as direct his works as the head of the Williamstown Theatre Festival in Massachusetts. What's the key to making people understand him?

I think it's easy as long as you particularize his characters and make them relatable. I was once teaching these young girls at a private school

about "Macbeth," and I had them yelling, "You go for it, girl!" at Lady Macbeth.

What kinds of juicy backstage tidbits are you going to reveal?

Once I was playing Roderigo in "Othello" in Japan. There was an earthquake during the show while I was onstage with another actor. We didn't know what to do, so we stayed

"I rather suspect that if Shakespeare were alive today, he'd be making movies."

and finished the scene, even though the audience ran out to a park next door. They eventually came back and applauded for what must've been an hour.

Any good stuff from your famous gig as "Hamlet"?

Once I came out and did that entrance that starts with "To be or not to be." A woman in the audience shouted out, "That is the question!" I had to say, "indeed it is" and move.

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'Meet John Doe' at Ford's is a political musical with moxie

STAGE | What could possibly make a Capra film more precious?

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Ann Sullivan (Heidi Blickenstaff), a recently laid-off reporter, has pluck, spunk and moxie — everything else you'd expect of a 1930s heroine. She saves her job by writing a letter to her column from John Doe, a downtrodden man threatening to jump off the Brooklyn Bridge on Christmas Eve.



YOU FIT THE SUIT: John Willoughby (James Moye) is reborn as John Doe, everyman.

The column incites the public, and Ann convinces her editor to pay a real John Doe to provide a face to this Everyman. Enter John Willoughby (James Moye), a former

pitcher with a busted arm and a guileless mug.

Ann writes columns and eventually speeches under John's name and face, and John gains devotees who

feel he represents their plight. John Doe clubs spring up around the country, and John and Ann both begin to believe in their mission (and fall in love, of course).

There's no grassroots movement that can't be exploited by an opportunistic businessman, and D.B. Norton, who recently bought out the newspaper, fills that role. You know he's evil — he smokes cigars!

The addition of music feels appropriate, even if the songs themselves aren't terribly memorable. What is notable is a decidedly less Capra-esque ending, which marks a departure from the light and fluffy proceedings. **ERIN TROMPETER**

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It's a Mod World

Ted Leo rocks like the past and thinks about the future

MUSIC | It's tempting to view "Living With the Living," Ted Leo and the Pharmacists' fifth album, as the smart-pop masterpiece that could finally make Leo, now in his late 30s, the rock star he deserves to be. The singer-songwriter already receives glowing coverage from international music magazines, performs sold-out concerts (like the one this Thursday at the 9:30 Club) and records for the eminent label Touch and Go. According to Lookout!, fans purchased more than 50,000 copies of Leo's last LP, 2004's "Shake the Sheets."

Yet the Notre Dame grad is a (barely) underground hero — and he doesn't relish being "called out" on the street. Per-

haps it's for the best if Leo and his Pharmacists don't become a rock 'n' roll supernova.

“It was a really exciting time in D.C. music history. ... There was a crazy exchange of ideas.”

"Living" offers Leo's customary mix of punk politics, elevated diction and up-tempo pop rock grafted to a host of other genres, particularly British mod.

"I've certainly flirted, sometimes

more than flirted, with mod," Leo said. "That musical ideal — incorporating soul and R&B into over-driven rock 'n' roll — is what I do, to a degree."

Leo said he is frequently asked how it feels to be portrayed as "the political guy." His new album indicates that he's pretty OK with it, as "Living" only has "three or four songs" focused on "the interpersonal dynamic, as opposed to the world stage of politics and society."

It's not surprising that a band that traffics in tunes about "the U.S. involvement in Guatemala in the 1950s," "the idea of war at a remove," and "military recruitment policies" was formed in D.C. Leo lived here for nearly a decade

and recalls the period as formative. "When I moved there in '92, I fell in with people who remain my best friends, like Ian Svenonius, who's now in Weird War, and James Canty, who's played with me in the past and is [a Pharmacist] again," Leo remembered.

"It was a really exciting time in D.C. music history, because so many people lived in Mount Pleasant, within a couple blocks of each other. There was a crazy exchange of ideas. A lot of people my age lived through the same experiences and we remain really close."

The first edition of the Pharmacists, featuring Amy Farina (now of the Evens) on drums, formed around 1996, Leo said. The band was a side project while Leo focused on his erstwhile act Chisel.

Despite leaving town, Leo maintains close friendships with a number of D.C. rock pillars, including Fugazi's Brendan Canty (James' brother), who produced "Living With the Living." **TIM FOLLOS**

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Still Life With Duck

Painter Kaj Stenvall's enigmatic artwork is definitely for the birds

GALLERIES | The sublimated self-loathing of someone who, having reached the pinnacle of popular success, still craves gilt-frame cred is a sorry spectacle indeed. Ever seen the "fine art" of Dr. Seuss? You don't want to.

Kaj Stenvall works exactly the opposite trick. "I have been always painting realistic things," he said. Which may seem odd coming from a fellow whose stock-in-trade since 1989 has been cartoon birds, ducks mainly.

But perusing "Birdhouse," his show at the Finnish Embassy, reveals that he wasn't fooling when he said, "I try to make serious art." Stenvall inserts pop personages into finer settings as an oblique means of refreshing

timeworn conventions of portraiture and genre painting.

A skewed traditionalist, he builds up his pictures in thin glazes, "like Whistler," he said. Asked whether he ever, even as a youth, entertained aspirations of becoming a cartoonist, the answer was exactly what the paintings lead you to expect.

"No, no, no."

The attitudinal precision and emotional subtlety of Stenvall's best work is remarkable. Before you even notice that the subject of "It Was on the House" strides purposefully from the darkened doorway of the O' Bird tavern, with a glance you know this: He's been caught again, and behind the briefest flicker of shame there is pride, the whatcha-gonna-do-about-it insouciance of the already drunk. There are no pink elephants whirling around his head, no graphic corkscrews or bubble-bursts to signify that this duck is crooked.



COURTESY FINNISH EMBASSY

LAME DUCK: Stenvall's 2006 painting "The Joy of Possessing" places a wry, reflective bird on the edge of uncertainty.

Everything is in his expression, his posture.

When Stenvall does go for humor, it's often the slickest black comedy. "Mandatum for the Fatherland" finds a white-feathered duck snoozing on green grass beneath a quilted comforter in the form

of the Finnish flag, an eiderdown stuffed with ... yep. (But if you want to see the one titled "Slaves of Sex," you'll have to settle for a visit to kajstenvall.com. The painting was pulled from the wall hours before the opening.)

Cartoon characters may have

grown a lot in recent years, but so-called family values still hold sway. **GLENN DIXON**

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Stars in the Film of Their Lives

Dean and Britta bring cinematic elegance to their pretty pop

MUSIC | Dean Wareham and Britta Phillips used to be in lush-scapers Luna (and, if you're old enough, you'll recall Wareham as the driving force in Galaxie 500 before that). So sonic textures and aural wallpaper are undoubtedly this pretty pair's thing.

But now, as Dean and Britta, they're much more: a feature in a 1962 *Vogue*; a couple billed as "Italian TV stars at party" in the credits of an unmade Bond film; the sound of druggy dreams filtered through a spiderweb; an underground fashion show starring Julie Christie and Dirk Bog-

arde and a dog named Antonioni; the conversation at a cocktail party where the walls are splashed with gin and the glasses filled with mercury, a Youthquake at the Black Cat in the year 2007.

Dean and Britta aren't shy about their musical and stylistic references. The duo's 2003 debut was titled "L'Avventura" and it was a precarious, cool-surfaced adventure indeed, an album of covers (from Madonna to Buffy St. Marie to the Silver Jews) and duets worthy of a tip of the hat in the direction of the Italian film masterpiece. The duo went on to put out two EPs — one of remixes, one a kind of sonic showcase for the gorgeous single "Words You Used to Say" —



and to score Noah Baumbach's film "The Squid and the Whale," before knuckling down to a studio effort, the February release "Back Numbers."

In "Back Numbers," Dean and Britta bring it all together, pulling away from the tireless and tiresome Velvet Underground comparisons (for whom, weirdly, Luna had opened) and even from the accusations of retro they cheekily invite, into a folkier, prettier, less atmospherically self-indulgent space. Every moment is a source of at least beauty, at most wonder.

ARION BERGER (EXPRESS)

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At the Speed of Loud

Norway's 1349 hurls thoughtful black metal at the masses

MUSIC | Extreme metal bands always have extreme names. (See Goatwhore, below.) 1349 sounds like a relatively tame name — until you learn that 1349 was the year the Black Plague came to Norway and wiped out two-thirds of the population.

The decade-old Norwegian band makes blazingly fast and primal black metal, and its latest CD, "Hellfire," sounds like a punch in the face. Vocalist Ravn begins the CD roaring, "I am abomination!" and then it's all blinding riffs and rhythms from guitarist Archæon, bassist Seidemann and legendary black-metal drummer Frost.

While black metal is often brutal, and the genre has had its own share of controversy (murders, church burnings), the music's favor-



BOW DOWN BEFORE NO ONE: 1349 vocalist Ravn, center, finds the black metal genre to be more liberating than limiting.

ite lyrical themes — pure evil, death, Satan — usually aren't meant literally; they are often metaphorical meditations on free will.

"The reason why I chose black metal is that it doesn't have any limitations," said Ravn, who seems to be as philosophical onstage as he

is intimidating on it, decked out in facial corpse paint and spiky armguards.

"I'm not a religious person," he

said. That is perhaps stating the obvious, but what Ravn went on to explain is that he rejects supernatural deities such as God and the devil. "I don't see Satan as a demonic god, or pure evil, like the Christians [do]," he said. "Satan is just about rebellion of man, and that represents freedom — freedom of the mind that's not suppressed by written laws from ancient times.

"I'm not saying all these laws shouldn't be obeyed," Ravn continued. "But most of it has been polluted by people who were aiming for human control, and that's what I don't like about it. I want people to think for themselves and make up their own minds. I don't see why anybody would want to lay their hands into something that they don't know what it is. ... It's a myth that's never made sense to me, and it still doesn't.

Then again, he laughed, "When I grow old, and death comes upon me, maybe I'll surrender."

CHRISTOPHER PORTER (EXPRESS)

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Music Is in the Blood

Malian superstar Toumani Diabaté carries on a tradition

MUSIC | To be the best musician in your family may sound like a modest goal, but when your name is Diabaté, it's a whole 'nother ballgame.

Kélétigui Diabaté is one of the foremost practitioners of the marimbalike balafon. Having relocated from Mali to New York, Mamadou Diabaté has established himself on the kora, a 21-string instrument with a large gourd resonator.

Both have played with Mamadou's cousin, Toumani Diabaté, a kora master whose trad/mod Symmetric Orchestra blew Malian music wide open in the '90s. (Some say that Kélétigui and Toumani aren't kin, but when a musical dynasty stretches back over centuries, the chances are good.)

The Symmetric Orchestra's



The Diabatés are one of the most revered musical families in Mali.

decade-long Friday-night residency at the Hogon in Bamako — a sort of outdoor "espace culturel" — has been interrupted for the band's first trip to the States. Saturday's Lisner appearance marks the end of the tour.

It's been argued that Pan-Africanism is an idea imposed on the continent from without, but Diabaté

does his best to unite superior players from across Mande West Africa: not just Mali but Ivory Coast, Guinea, Burkina Faso and Senegal.

Although Toumani Diabaté made his name internationally as a virtuoso in the late '80s with the solo disc "Kaira," last summer's "Boulevard de l'Indépendance" found him functioning as much as a bandleader, shaping the music they way James Brown or Duke Ellington did with their large bands.

American music isn't outside Diabaté's purview. As he mixes old and new and combines Cuban sounds with Senegalese — to mention but one example — he reaches also to blues, jazz and funk. When he needed horn charts, he called on none other than Brown band arranger Pee Wee Ellis. GLENN DIXON

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GALLERIES | SYMBOL AND STEREOTYPE



A CHARGED WORD SPEAKS: Pyramid Atlantic Arts Center explores the meanings of the word "Token." This exhibit was put together by Baltimore artist Zoe Charlton, who worked with four other female artists in teasing out the symbolism, stereotyping and talismanic permutations of the term.

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True Blood Relations

Wes and Jonathan Craven collaborate on 'Hills Have Eyes 2'

LEGACY | Imagine being locked up in a hotel suite for a month with your father, facing an immovable deadline. Now, imagine that your father is horror master Wes Craven and that every word you put down is subject to his critical eye.

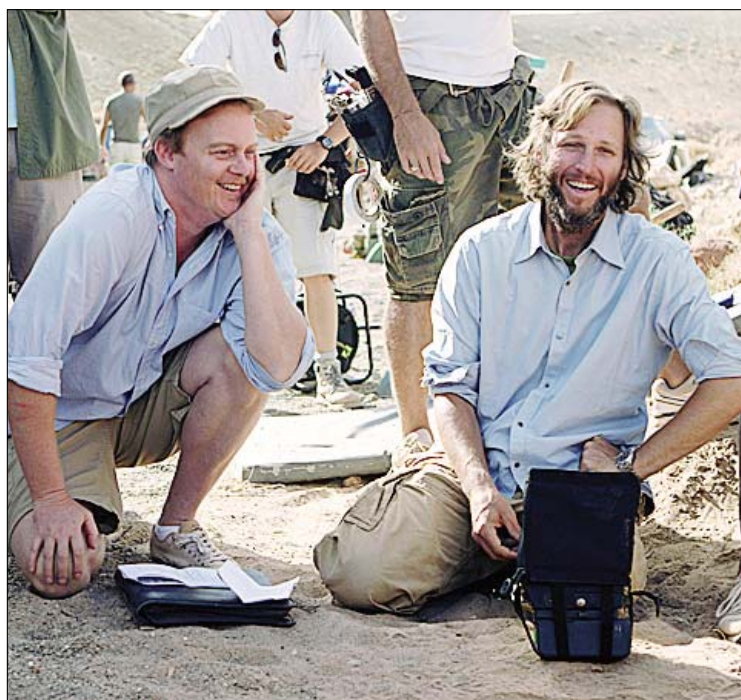
"It was great," says Jonathan Craven, who shares a screenwriting credit with his father on "The Hills Have Eyes 2." "I've always been a fan of 'The Hills Have Eyes,' so

the opportunity to participate in [writing the sequel] was really exciting."

The 41-year-old says he and his father have long shared a passion for movies as well as a last name that is synonymous with blood and gore.

The "Hills" sequel marks their first screenplay collaboration. "Just to write something with my dad — particularly something that is horror and kind of hard-core with someone that is so good at it and a master of genre — was all fun for me," Jonathan says.

Wes Craven conceived the



GORE VALUES: "We were working at the same time in order to get it done," said the elder Craven, left, of writing with son Jonathan. "It also kept the playing field level."

idea of collaborating with his son after he was asked by Fox Atomic to write a sequel to "The Hills

Have Eyes," his 2006 remake of his 1977 horror classic (which itself spawned a sequel in 1985). Natu-

rally, the studio wanted to make the sequel ASAP, so Craven had no time to spare. He and his son holed up at Hollywood's historic Chateau Marmont for 31 days straight last May, working in separate rooms on a script. They spent the first week writing the outline then divvied up the sections and wrote separately.

The pair wrote a gritty, ferocious and suspenseful tale that picks up where last year's splatter-fest left off. In "The Hills Have Eyes 2," a very green National Guard unit unwittingly ends up in mutant territory and its nastiest nightmares come true.

The idea of a National Guard unit being in peril may have emerged from today's headlines. "All these kinds of films are highly reflective of the times they're made in," says Wes. "As a writer, you have to deal with the things you're dealing with, whether it's what's going on nationally, internationally or personally." ANGELA DAWSON (ENTERTAINMENT NEWS WIRE)

Take 10

THE WASHINGTON POST'S FILM CRITICS TACKLE THIS WEEK'S BOX-OFFICE TOP 10

1 TMNT

As a movie rather than a design exercise, it's not without its pleasures. The film is technically superb and quite enjoyable as long as you don't bang your head against the plot. STEPHEN HUNTER

2 300

The cartoonified version of a historic sword-and-sandal battle is kind of a ghastly hoot. It does no harm, but it also contributes nothing. STEPHEN HUNTER

3 Shooter

This is a Western in urban drag, in which the retired gunslinger is lured out of retirement and double-crossed, who proceeds to clean up the territory anyway, all the while ignoring legal niceties and natural law. SCOTT EYMAN

4 Wild Hogs

This lame, stupid, sad comedy makes pigs out of John Travolta, William H. Macy, Martin Lawrence and Tim Allen as almost-old men so out of sorts, only



WHERE'S TITIAN? The great Italian Renaissance painters roll in the their graves.

a road trip can help. STEPHEN HUNTER

5 The Last Mimzy

This movie about the escalating adventures of two children who discover a mysterious black cube triggers more ideas than it can consolidate. DESSON THOMSON

6 Premonition

Sandra Bullock plays Linda Hanson, whose perfect life is thrown out of whack when she's told her husband has died — only to have him reappear. "Premonition" fatally falters in its last moments. ANN HORNADAY

7 The Hills Have Eyes 2

Mutants prey upon a group of National Guard trainees who picked the wrong spot for maneuvers in this horror sequel not screened for critics.

8 Reign Over Me

This comedy-drama about a Sept. 11 widower (Adam Sandler) almost reaches its goal of being a funny, sad, original movie about the healing power of not necessarily healing. ANN HORNADAY

9 Pride

Inspired by the true story of Philadelphia swimming coach Jim Ellis (Terrence Howard), "Pride" has Hollywood formula practically stitched to its Speedo. But the characters (and actors) are so captivating, we're too entertained and charmed to notice. DESSON THOMSON

10 Dead Silence

A murdered ventriloquist returns to make dummies of a small town. This film was not screened for review.

Indies&Arties

'High Noon'

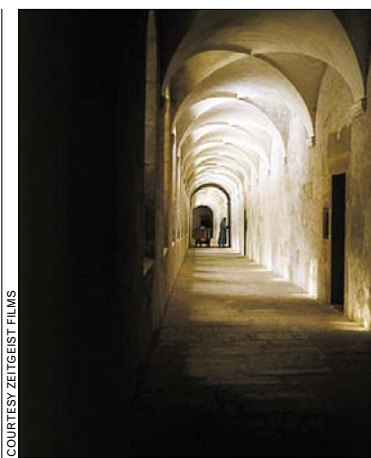
Screen gunslinger Gary Cooper made the strong, silent type a matinee idol in the 1952 Western "High Noon." AFI Silver screens the revenge classic, adored by cineastes for its use of real-time narrative and building of heart-stopping tension, as part of its Fred Zinnemann Centennial, which runs through April 24.

→ AFI SILVER, 8633 COLESVILLE ROAD, SILVER SPRING; FRI.-SUN.; 301-495-6700. (SILVER SPRING)

Native Shorts; Native Jazz

The National Museum of the American Indian presents "Native Film: Short Works by Native Women," a program of shorts from North America. The films include flights of fictional fancy as well as documentaries. The museum will also host "Pepper's Powwow," a profile of Kaw-Creek jazz saxophonist Jim Pepper, with screenings beginning on Sunday through April 8, in conjunction with the Jim Pepper Tribute, an April 7 performance by the late bandleader's colleagues.

→ NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN, 4TH STREET & INDEPENDENCE AVENUE SW; 202-633-1000. (L'ENFANT PLAZA)



A monastery life is the still center of the turning world in "Into Great Silence."

The Quiet Life

New Yorker cartoons and clever TV ads have turned monkhood into a device, but quiet and rigorous monasteries still exist — we just don't have the opportunity to see what they are really like. German filmmaker Philip Gröning did, though, living alone among the monks of the Grand Chartreuse in the French Alps and filming their prayers, meals, daily duties and earthly pastimes. Without artificial lighting, narration or a soundtrack, "Into Great Silence" is a hypnotic window into a world of ritual and devotion.

→ E STREET CINEMA, 555 ITH ST. NW; OPENS FRI., 202-452-7672. (METRO CENTER)

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MARCH

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John Digweed & MSTRKRFT Late Show! 11pm Doors..... F 30

GALACTIC w/ DJ Provoke Early Show! 7pm Doors..... Sa 31

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EPMD w/ Black Sheep & Kev Brown Late Show! 11pm Doors..... Sa 31

APRIL

Amina w/ Tom Brosseau This is a seated show..... Su 1

Down

(Phil Anselmo • Jimmy Bower • Rex Brown •
Pepper Keenan • Kirk Windstein)..... M 2Sebadoh (Lou Barlow • Eric Gaffney • Jason Loewenstein)
w/ The Bent Moustache..... Tu 3

Antibalas w/ Rich Medina's Jump N Funk Party..... W 4

Albert Hammond, Jr. w/ THE MOONEY SUZUKI Early Show! 6pm Doors..... Th 5

Virginia Coalition w/ Quintus Early Show! 6pm Doors..... F 6

BUZZLIFE PRESENTS

Grandmaster Flash Late Show! 11pm Doors..... F 6

Anti-Flag w/ Alexisonfire • Big D and the Kids Table •
Set Your Goals Early Show! 4:30pm Doors..... Sa 7

VH1 YOU OUGHTA KNOW TOUR FEATURING

Mat Kearney w/ The Feeling & Rocco DeLuca and the Burden..... M 9

Low w/ Loney, Dear..... Tu 10

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RADIO SOULWAX PRESENTS

2 Many DJ's w/ Nite Versions..... Su 15

Aqualung w/ Sara Bareilles..... M 16

The Books w/ Todd Reynolds Early Show! 6pm Doors..... Tu 17

Ratatat w/ Despot Late Show! 10pm Doors..... Tu 17

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INFAMY Live performance by CODEBREAKER • DJ WILL EASTMAN •
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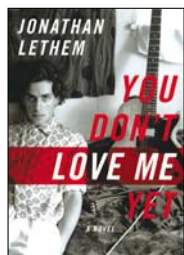
Consider The Source

Jonathan Lethem
writes about the perils
of borrowed finery

PAGES | In music as in writing, in art and in love, people seek to “move certain parts of the interior ... into the external world, to see if they can be embraced.” In Jonathan Lethem’s new novel, “You Don’t Love Me Yet,” those words are spoken by the Complainer, a sensual, bearish trafficker in words who stumbles disastrously into the life and art of an unnamed Los Angeles band.

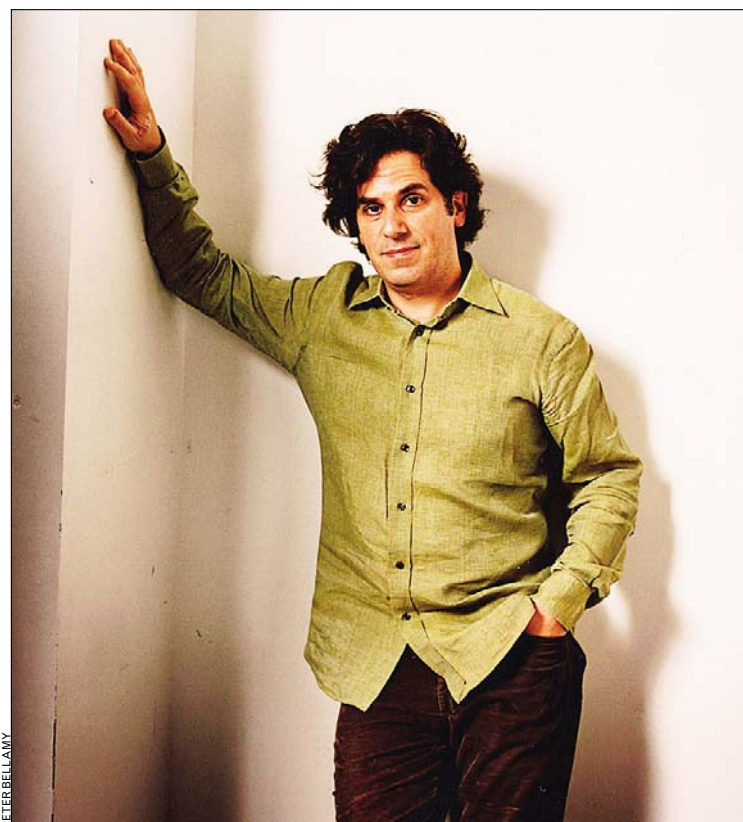
The four band members splash about the hipster taco stands, nightclubs and hillside apartments Echo Park and Silverlake, each battling an acute case of not-there-yetitis. “You

Don’t Love Me Yet” is largely the story of smart, insecure Lucinda, who spends desultory days working an art gallery’s complaint line and falling for the Complainer’s poetic, self-lacerating observations, unwittingly drawing him into the fabric of the band.



Music and lyrics tangle; the notion of propriety becomes a

swamp. The question of who owns words slides into that of who owns ways of looking at the world. “[The Complainer] is a bookish character,” said Lethem from his home in Brooklyn. “The kind of anxiety



A MATTER OF PROVENANCE: “You Don’t Love Me Yet” gets hipster angst just right.

that he projects into other peoples’ lives is sort of like having a writer friend, but also, he’s an author surrogate — what is gross forty-

something Lethem doing drooling over these twentysomething characters?”

What he’s doing is playfully dis-

secting the psychology of the young and rudderless, and dipping into a fantasy of life on the coast opposite from the one with which he is identified. Not long ago, the author of “Motherless Brooklyn,” an upside-down and inside-out detective novel, and “Fortress of Solitude,” about friendship, boyhood and superheroes, was a newcomer to the sunny charms of Los Angeles.

“Maybe I would be risking being called a tourist, but I knew it would be good for me to stay light on my feet and write about the L.A. in my mind, rather than from this stance of immense authority. And, in a way, it put me in the same stance as the characters, identifying with them as amateurs.”

There is nothing amateurish in Lethem’s satiny writing or his good-hearted, keen-eyed rendering of four hapless artists and their big-bellied muse. In 223 pages, “You Don’t Love Me Yet” says volumes about art, music, life, ownership and skinny jeans. **ARION BERGER (EXPRESS)**

→ *Politics & Prose, 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW; Thu., 7 p.m., free; 202-364-1919. (Van Ness-UDC)*

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Romance in a Blender

‘She Stoops to Comedy’ mashes up meta with the Bard

STAGE | There’s a lot going on in “She Stoops to Comedy.” To say the least.

Woolly Mammoth Theatre’s new play has enough gender-bending twists for a hundred Jerry Springer shows and enough layers to have even the biggest meta fan reaching for the Dramamine.

The play is a modern screwball comedy centered on estranged female lovers: actresses Alexandra Page (Michael Russotto — yes, he’s a man) and Alison Rose (Gia Mora). Alexandra makes cosmetic modifications in order to snag the role of Orlando (to Alison’s Rosalind) in a production of Shakespeare’s romantic comedy “As You Like It” and to win Alison back. She finds keeping her identity and gender under wraps to be a challenge, especial-



Zany characters negotiate David Greenspan’s roller-coaster romances.

ly faced with obstacles such as an amorous gay male castmate and a shirtless fight scene.

But “She Stoops to Comedy” is more than an edgy romantic comedy. One of the defining aspects of the play, written by David Greenspan, is the presence of the playwright’s voice. In an innovative twist, characters analyze their own actions, re-write dia-

logue, recite stage directions and reference inspirations.

As such, the play examines not only its characters but the medium of theater, its formulas and conventions. It all results in what director Howard Shalwitz calls “an homage to theater itself and a comical celebration of love in its many guises.” He describes the play as a riff on theatrical cross-dressing — inspired by (wait for it) Shakespeare’s “As You Like It.”

“She Stoops to Comedy” has a lively supporting cast, each character with his or her own romantic misadventures. Most notably, Kate Eastwood Norris shines in her dual role as Kay Fein (who is either an archaeologist or lighting designer — the playwright can’t decide which) and the hyper-dramatic thespian Jayne Summerhouse. **DAN MILLER**

→ *Woolly Mammoth Theatre, 641 D St. NW; through April 22, \$32-52; 202-393-3939, woollymammoth.net.*

WeekendPass | Entertainment

The Scene

Sound

→ THURSDAY

Apex: "College Night," DJ Randy White, VJ Steve Rosa, 9 p.m., \$5, free with college ID.

Bangkok Blues: Jonny and the Stingrays, 8 p.m., \$5-\$6.

The Barns at Wolf Trap: Austin Lounge Lizards, 8 p.m., \$18.

Be Bar: "Pink" (indie pop and electro beats), 9 p.m., free.

Birchmere: Candy Dulfer Band, 7:30 p.m., \$39.50.

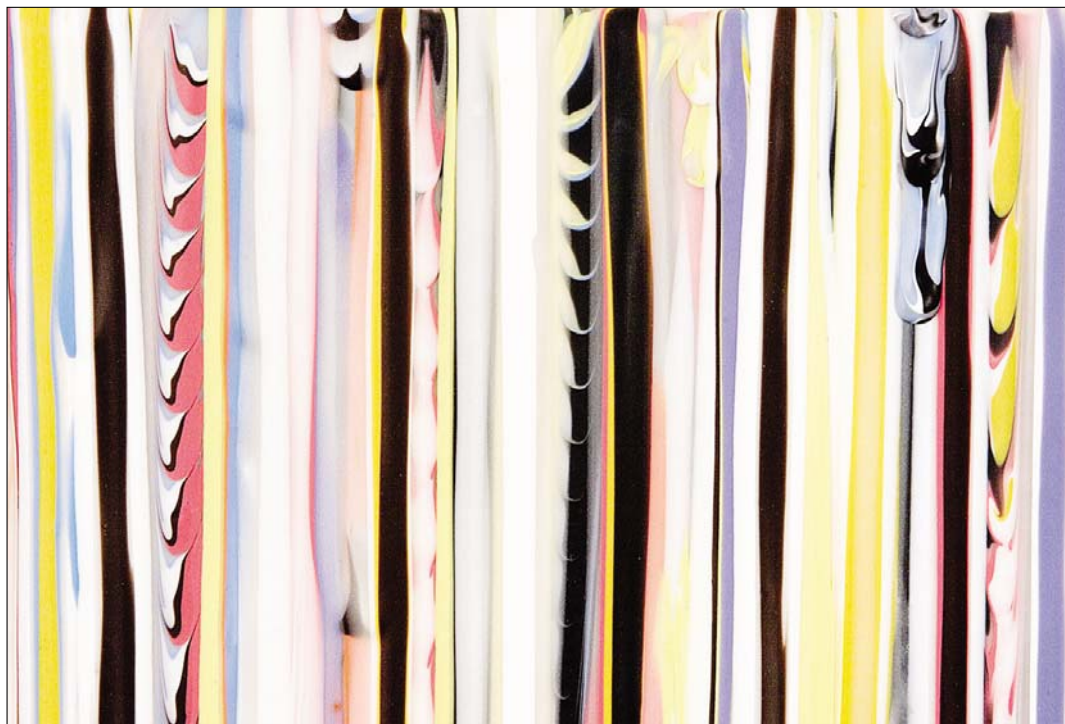
Black Cat: Dean & Britta (of Luna), Meredith Bragg and the Terminals, 8 p.m., \$15.

Blues Alley: Earl Klugh, 8 & 10 p.m., \$43.

Bohemian Caverns: Soul Con Timba (live recording), 9 p.m., \$15.

Crossroads: DJ Majestic (dancehall and hip-hop), 10 p.m., \$20, ladies free before

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PETER FOX

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11 p.m. with pass from crossroadsclub.com.

DC9: Monopoli, East 100, Michael Jantz, 9:30 p.m., \$8.

Iota: Vandaveer (CD release show), Kitty Hawk, Neva Geoffery, 9 p.m., \$10.

Jammin' Java: Olympia (CD release), Action Reaction, 7 p.m., \$10.

Jaxx: 1349, Goatwhore, Averse Sefira, Terror Kult, 6 p.m., \$16/\$18.

Kennedy Center, Millennium Stage: Orff Ensemble, Suitland High School Center for Visual and Performing Arts String Orchestra, 6 p.m., free.

Love: Hip hop and R&B, 9 p.m., \$20, free before 10 p.m. (18 and over), free before 11:30 p.m. (21 and over) with pass from lovetheclub.com.


Mirrors: "Phat Thursdays," 9 p.m., \$10 for men, ladies free.

9:30 Club: Ted Leo and the Pharmacists, Love of Diagrams, 8 p.m., sold out.

The Red & the Black: Mutatio Formae, Bajskorv, the Groaning with DJ Panic, 9:30 p.m., \$10.

Rock and Roll Hotel: Audio Electrix with DJs Ikon X-7, Stereofaith, People's Champion, 10 p.m., free.

State Theatre: Geen Ween, Sounds of Greg D, 8:30 p.m., \$18/\$20.




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Entertainment | WeekendPass

TheScene

Strathmore, Music Center: Cherry Blossom Concert, 7:30 p.m., sold out.
BSO at Strathmore Symmetry and Golden Ratio, 8 p.m., \$43-\$80.
Twins Jazz: Human Motion, 8 p.m., \$10-\$30.
Warehouse: Ultra Dolphins, Hot Cross, Nakatomi Plaza, 9:30 p.m., \$6-\$10.
Velvet Lounge: Jukebox the Ghost, Brandon Meyer Trio, Le Loup, 8 p.m., \$7.
Zanzibar: Familiar Faces, 6 p.m., \$25.

→ FRIDAY

Apex: DJ Melissa, VJ Mark Hawkins, 9 p.m., \$9.
Bangkok Blues: The Tree Experience, Clarence "Bluesman" Turner, 7 p.m., \$5.
The Barns at Wolf Trap: Hapa, 8 p.m., \$24.
Be Bar: "Be: rewind" (classics '80s and '90s), 9 p.m., \$5.
Birchmere: The Bacon Brothers, Amy Fairchild, 7:30 p.m., \$35.
Black Cat: New wave and dance classics with DJ Seth 9:30 p.m., free (backstage).
Blues Alley: Earl Klugh, 8 & 10 p.m., \$43.
Bohemian Caverns: Soul Con Timba (live recording), 9 p.m., \$15.
Crossroads: "Escape" (happy hour and dance party), 5 p.m., \$15 before 11 p.m., \$20 after.
DC9: Liberation Dance Party, 9:30 p.m., \$5.
Five: Josh Wink and Bush II Bush, 9 p.m., \$5.
Iota: Jimmie's Chicken Shack, the Glory and the Majesty, 9:30 p.m., \$15.
Jaxx: Funny Money, Baby Jayne, Dopefly, Cobra Kisses 7 p.m., \$12/\$14.
Kennedy Center: Eubie Blake Jazz Ensemble, W.T. Woodson Select Vocal Ensemble, 6 p.m., free. Takana Miyamoto Trio with special guest Russell Gunn, 7:30 & 9:30 p.m., \$15.
Love: Hip-hop and R&B, 9 p.m., \$20.
Mirrors: Lissen Band, 7 p.m., \$20 for men, ladies free before 8 p.m., \$15 after.
McGinty's Public House: Scythian, 10 p.m., \$5.

9:30 Club: Stephen Kellogg and the Sixers & Matt Wertz, Jon McLaughlin, 6 p.m., \$15. John Digweed and Mstrkrft, 11 p.m., \$30.
The Red & the Black: Math Panda, Joey Beats, Blak Lungz, S.K.I.P, Fifteen, 9:30 p.m., \$8.
Rock and Roll Hotel: Glue, Rosetta Stoned, 9:30 p.m., \$10.
State Theatre: The Speaks, Aggromatic, Breakdown Blvd, Funkmkyz, 9 p.m., \$16.
Strathmore, Music Center: Slavash Ghomayshi and Hatef, 8 p.m., \$25-\$65.
Warehouse: The First Step, Girl Loves

Distortion, Justice, Lion of Judah, 9:30 p.m., \$6-\$10.

Velvet Lounge: The Lost Atoms, Karmel-las Game, 8 p.m., \$5-\$8.

Zanzibar: Happy Hour hosted by Natalie Case, 6 p.m., \$25-\$30.

→ SATURDAY

Apex: "Apex Follies," Drag show hosted by Kristina Kelly, DJ Mark Hawkins, VJ Steve Rosa, 9 p.m., \$8.

Bangkok Blues: Spectra, Soul Gravity, 7 p.m., \$5.

The Barns at Wolf Trap: Hapa, 3 & 7:30 p.m., \$24.

Be Bar: "Be: Anthem" (high-energy top 40) featuring DJ Back2Back, 9 p.m., \$5.

LIVE HIP-HOP | BELLE OF THE BALL



TEEN DREAM: Underneath hip-hop/R&B group Pretty Ricky's bling, oiled chests and half-hearted glares are love songs that read like a teenage boy's dirty diary. The faux-thug boy band performs Saturday at Constitution Hall.

Black Cat: Electric Six, Test Your Reflex, Night Kills the Day, 9 p.m., \$13. Britpop, alternative, indie, garage, 9:30 p.m., \$5 (backstage).

Blues Alley: Earl Klugh, 8 & 10 p.m., \$43.
Bohemian Caverns: Soul Con Timba (live recording), 9 p.m., \$15.

Crossroads: "Energy Saturday" \$20, ladies free before 11 p.m. with pass from crossroadsclub.com.

DAR Constitution Hall: Pretty Ricky, 8 p.m., \$20-\$50.

DC9: Eleven: 54, the English Department, the Futurists, Lola Ray, Sparky's Flaw, 5 p.m., \$12. Nouveau Richie, (hip-hop, techno, '80s dance-pop), 9:30 p.m., \$8.

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Jaxx: Envy Insane, Bella Morte, In Tenebris, Rites of Ash, So Damn Thirsty, the Automatics, Hull House, Coque Bloque, the Forged Word, 4 p.m., \$10-\$12.

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McGinty's Public House: Drivin' Blind, 10 p.m., \$5.

9:30 Club: Galactic, DJ Provoke, 8 p.m., \$25. EPMD, Black Sheep and Kev Brown, 11 p.m., \$25.

The Red & the Black: Die Mannequin, Burn the Fields, 9:30 p.m., \$8.

Rock and Roll Hotel: Menomena, Land of Talk, 8:30 p.m., \$10/\$12.

State Theatre: Will Hoge, Danielia Cotton, Honor by August, 9 p.m., \$13.

Strathmore: National Philharmonic with Sandy Cameron, 8 p.m., \$25-\$79.

Twins Jazz: Kenny Carr, 9 & 11 p.m., \$15.

Warehouse: Chapter VIII, the Twats, the Reticents, Raising Water by Fire, 9 p.m., \$6-\$10.

Velvet Lounge: The Orion Experience, Vita Ruins, Jaguar Club, 8 p.m., \$5-\$8.

Zanzibar: Carimi with special guest Sweet Micky, "Reggae on the Waterfront," international dance party, \$20 after 9 p.m.

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Bangkok Blues: Blues Jam with Bill Holter, 8 p.m., free.

Be Bar: "Park," (hip-hop and R&B), 9 p.m., free.

Friday in

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In Bloom: This year's Cherry Blossom Festival is more than just trees. A roundup of events, exhibits and activities. | **Cover**

→ Also, Matthew Good talks about 'The Lookout'; DJ John Digweed at the 9:30 Club; 'Moving Pictures' at the Philips.

TheScene

Birchmere: Lobster Boy's Ship of Fools, 7:30 p.m., \$17.50.

Black Cat: Do Make Say Think, Elliott Brood, 8 p.m., \$12.

Blues Alley: Earl Klugh, 8 & 10 p.m., \$43.

Bohemian Caverns: Soul Con Timba (live recording), 9 p.m., \$15.

Crossroads: Dancehall Sunday with Jason Steele, 10 p.m., \$20.

Galaxy Hut: Louis Logic, 9 p.m., \$12.

Iota: Robert Gomez, Kristoffer Ragnstam, 8:30 p.m., \$10.

Jammin' Java: Citizen Cope, 8 p.m., sold out.

Jaxx: Kenmore, This Time it's War, Madison Apart, Sunset Shootout, Starlit Eyes, In Alcatraz 1962, 4 p.m., \$10-\$12.

Kennedy Center: Masako Ono, 6 p.m., free. Master Chorale of Washington: A Holy Week Requiem, 3 p.m., \$20-\$69.

9:30 Club: Amlina, Tom Brosseau, 7:30 p.m., \$25.

The Red & the Black: The Younger Sister Band, 9:30 p.m., \$8.

Velvet Lounge: Green Milk From Planet Orange, Sequence Chair, Kiiii, the Mantras, 8 p.m., \$8.

Zanzibar: Sunday Champagne Brunch, 11 a.m., \$20.

Sight

Adamson Gallery: "New Editions," Yuriko Yamaguchi's hand-painted casts, as well as new work by Enrique Martinez Celaya and Carter Hodgkin, through April 7. 1515 14th St. NW; 202-232-0707.

American Art Museum and National Portrait Gallery: "Portraiture Now," through April 29. "Gifts to the Nation," through June 3. "Temple of Invention: History of a National Landmark," the construction of "the noblest of Washington's buildings," through July 8. "The Presidency and the Cold War," through July 8. 8th & F streets NW; 202-633-1000, www.npg.si.edu.

Anacostia Community Museum: "Two Hundred Years of Black Paper Dolls: The Collection of Arabella Grayson," tracing social change through paper dolls, through April 29. "D.C. Undercover: Photographs by Steven M. Cummings," photos of District citizens with a focus on headgear, through April 29. "Band-ing Together: Public School Bands as Instruments of Opportunity," through May. 1901 Fort Place SE; 202-633-1000, anacostia.si.edu.

Ann Loeb Bronfman Gallery: "5+5," a 10-year anniversary exhibit featuring the works of artists with local roots, includ-

ing Sam Gilliam and Jae Ko, through May 13. 16th and Q streets NW, 202-777-3208, washingtondcjcc.org.

Arlington Arts Center: Selections from permanent collection, ongoing. 3550 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-248-6800, arlingtonartscenter.org.

Arthur M. Sackler Gallery: "East of Eden: Gardens in Asian Art," explores the historical and cultural themes found in the gardens of Asia, through May 13. "Tea Bowls in Bloom," through July 15. 1050 Independence Ave. SW; 202-633-1000. www.asia.si.edu.

Conner Contemporary Art: Mark Bennett's meticulous, quietly ironic drawings of the floor plans of iconic houses from

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SCHOOL DAYS: Students deal with academic pressure through, uh, acrobatics in "Me Me Me," above, part of Imagination Stage's EdgeFest, a weeklong theatrical celebration of family-friendly works and dramatic workshops.

the movies, through April 7. 1730 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-588-8750.

Corcoran Gallery of Art: "Modernism: Designing a New World 1914-1939," with about 400 objects and dozens of film clips, this is a comprehensive survey of how the 20th-century movement changed everything from graphics to home interiors to product design, architecture and, of course, art, through July 29. "Masterpieces: European Art From the Collection," work of the past 100 years from French Impressionism, Dutch paintings, Italian Renaissance and British landscapes, through Sept. "Olga Hirshhorn Collects," selections from the permanent

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
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
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
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
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DEAD SILENCE (R) 1:15, 3:25, 5:35, 7:50, 10:05
I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R) 2:20, 5:00, 7:35, 9:55
PREMONITION (PG13) 2:15, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50
300 (R) 1:10, 2:10, 4:00, 4:55, 6:50, 7:35, 9:40, 10:15
300 (R)  2:10, 4:55, 7:35, 10:15
WILD HOGS (PG13) 1:25, 2:50, 3:50, 5:15, 6:40, 7:40, 9:05, 10:05
ZODIAC (R) 1:00, 6:50
BREACH (PG13) 4:15, 10:10
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) 1:50, 4:20, 6:45
GHOST RIDER (PG13) 2:00, 4:45, 7:25, 10:00
TYLER PERRY'S DADDY'S LITTLE GIRLS (PG13) 9:20 PM
NORBIT (PG13) 1:35, 4:25, 6:55, 9:25

AMC COLUMBIA MALL 14

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THE HILLS HAVE EYES 2 (R) 1:20, 3:50, 6:10, 8:30
THE LAST MIMZY (PG) 1:55, 4:25, 7:00, 9:30
PRIDE (PG) 2:35, 5:15, 7:45, 10:05
REIGN OVER ME (R) 1:15, 4:15, 7:20, 10:00
SHOOTER (R) 1:35, 4:35, 7:30, 10:10
TMNT (PG) 1:10, 3:10, 5:30, 7:50, 9:50
DEAD SILENCE (R) 1:50, 4:10, 6:30, 8:50
I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R) 1:40, 4:05, 6:40, 9:10
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WILD HOGS (PG13)  1:00, 3:20, 5:50, 8:20
ZODIAC (R) 2:50, 6:20, 9:40
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) 2:05, 4:30, 6:50
GHOST RIDER (PG13) 1:30
NORBIT (PG13) 9:20 PM

LOEWS FAIRFAX SQUARE 8

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THE ASTRONAUT FARMER (PG) 4:40, 7:40
THE NUMBER 23 (R) 5:10, 8:10
GHOST RIDER (PG13) 4:30, 7:30
MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG13) 4:50, 7:50

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AMAZING GRACE (PG) 4:20, 7:20
THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND (R) 4:10, 7:10
DREAMGIRLS (PG13) 4:00, 7:00
THE QUEEN (PG13) 5:00, 8:00

MAGIC JOHNSON CAPITAL CENTRE 12

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THE HILLS HAVE EYES 2 (R) 1:10, 3:40, 5:50, 8:10, 10:15
PRIDE (PG) 1:50, 4:40, 7:10, 9:50
REIGN OVER ME (R) 1:10, 4:30, 7:20, 10:20
SHOOTER (R) 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 10:10
TMNT (PG) 12:50, 3:00, 5:30, 7:30, 9:40
DEAD SILENCE (R) 1:30, 4:00, 6:50, 9:30
I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R) 12:30, 3:15, 5:40, 7:45, 10:20
PREMONITION (PG13) 1:20, 4:30, 7:00, 10:15
300 (R) 1:40, 4:50, 7:50, 10:25
WILD HOGS (PG13) 2:00, 4:20, 6:40, 9:20
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) 1:05, 3:30, 5:50
GHOST RIDER (PG13) 3:50, 10:00
TYLER PERRY'S DADDY'S LITTLE GIRLS (PG13) 8:00, 10:25
NORBIT (PG13) 1:00, 6:45

LOEWS DUPONT 5

1350 19th St.
1-800-FANDANGO #711

300 (R) 4:10, 5:00, 7:00
TWO WEEKS (R) 7:45
BREACH (PG13) 4:30, 7:15

AMC SELECT

STARTER FOR 10 (PG13) 5:15, 8:00
AMAZING GRACE (PG) 4:45, 7:30

LOEWS UPTOWN 1

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300 (R) 1:00, 3:45, 6:30, 9:15

AMC TYSONS CORNER 16

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WILD HOGS (PG13) 2:00, 4:25, 7:00, 9:25
THE HILLS HAVE EYES 2 (R) 1:15, 3:35, 5:50, 8:30, 10:35
THE LAST MIMZY (PG) 1:00, 3:25, 5:45, 8:10, 10:25
PRIDE (PG) 1:05, 3:30, 5:55, 8:20, 10:40
REIGN OVER ME (R) 1:25, 4:10, 7:20, 10:05
SHOOTER (R) 1:40, 4:35, 7:35, 10:20
TMNT (PG) 12:45, 2:50, 5:00, 7:10, 9:30
DEAD SILENCE (R) 1:55, 4:30, 9:35
I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R) 1:10, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:15
PREMONITION (PG13) 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:40, 10:00
300 (R) 1:20, 2:35, 4:05, 5:20, 7:05, 8:05, 9:45, 10:45
WILD HOGS (PG13) 12:55, 3:10, 5:30, 8:15, 10:30
ZODIAC (R) 12:50, 4:15, 7:30, 10:45
BREACH (PG13) 1:50, 4:20, 7:25, 9:55
BREACH (PG13)   1:50, 4:20, 7:25, 9:55
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) 12:55, 3:15, 5:35, 7:55, 10:10

AMC RIVERTOWNE 12

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THE HILLS HAVE EYES 2 (R) 5:30, 8:10
PRIDE (PG) 5:00, 7:30
SHOOTER (R) 4:35, 7:45
TMNT (PG) 4:30, 7:00
DEAD SILENCE (R) 5:20, 7:40
I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R) 5:25, 8:00
PREMONITION (PG13) 5:15, 8:05
300 (R) 4:50, 7:45
WILD HOGS (PG13) 5:10, 7:25
GHOST RIDER (PG13) 4:45, 7:50
TYLER PERRY'S DADDY'S LITTLE GIRLS (PG13) 4:40, 7:10
NORBIT (PG13) 4:30, 7:00

AMC COURTHOUSE PLAZA 8

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REIGN OVER ME (R) 4:10, 7:00, 9:50
TMNT (PG) 2:20, 4:30, 6:50, 9:00
I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R) 3:30, 5:40, 7:50, 10:30
WILD HOGS (PG13) 3:10, 5:30, 7:40, 10:20
ZODIAC (R) 3:20, 6:40, 10:00
BREACH (PG13) 2:30, 4:50, 7:20, 9:40
MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG13) 2:40, 5:00, 7:30, 10:10

AMC SELECT

MISS POTTER (PG) 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:20

LOEWS SHIRLINGTON 7

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703-671-0910 801

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THE NAMESAKE (PG13) 1:40, 2:30, 4:10, 5:00, 7:00, 7:40, 9:30, 10:00
THE HOST (R) 2:20, 4:40, 7:30, 9:50
STARTER FOR 10 (PG13) 3:50, 9:20
AMAZING GRACE (PG) 2:10, 4:20, 7:20, 9:40
THE LIVES OF OTHERS (R) 2:00, 4:50, 8:00
THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND (R) 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40
THE QUEEN (PG13) 1:30, 7:10

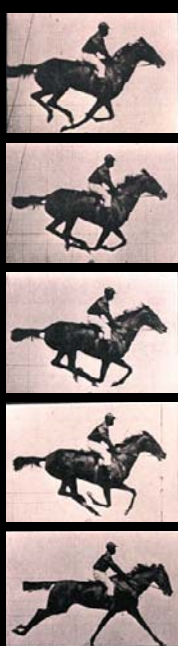
LOEWS WHITE FLINT 5

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PRIDE (PG) 2:15, 4:50, 7:15
REIGN OVER ME (R) 2:10, 4:40, 7:10
SHOOTER (R) 2:20, 4:45, 7:10
PREMONITION (PG13) 2:2

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SHOOTER (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1250 320 410 640 735 940 1035
THE HILLS HAVE EYES II (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1210 230) 500 745 950
PRIDE (PG) DIG (1205 235) 505 740 1010
I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1215 240) 515 755 1020
DEAD SILENCE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1230 245) 510 745 1000
PREMONITION (PG-13) DIG (1240 310 430 535 810 950 1040
300 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1200 110 300) 400 630 720 930 1025
OC: WILD HOGS (PG-13) DIG (220) 1005
ZODIAC (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1150) AM
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PRIDE (PG) DIG (105 355) 740 1025
THE LAST MIMZY (PG) DIG (220 455) 730 1005
DEAD SILENCE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (255 520) 750 1020
AMAZING GRACE (PG) DIG (115 415) 715
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) DIG (205 435) 705 935
PAW'S LABYRINTH (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (100) 655
SHOOTER (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (120 150 430 500) 725 755 1035
300 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (110 140 410 440) 710 745 1000 1030
GHOST RIDER (PG-13) DIG (1015) PM
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SHOOTER (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (145 500) 800 1055
THE HILLS HAVE EYES II (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (115 345 415) 745 820
PRIDE (PG) DIG (1215 1255 250 530) 730 815 1030 1100
THE LAST MIMZY (PG) DIG (130 400) 730 945
REIGN OVER ME (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (140 440) 750 1050
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PREMONITION (PG-13) DIG (130 430) 700 945
300 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (200 515) 815 1100
WILD HOGS (PG-13) DIG (215 500) 745 1015
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) DIG (1235 300 530) 805 1035
NORBIT (PG-13) DIG (115) PM

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THE LAST MIMZY (PG) DIG (130 345) 645 920
REIGN OVER ME (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (100 400) 730 1020
TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES (PG) DIG (100 330) 700 945
SHOOTER (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (115 400) 730 1020
DEAD SILENCE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (200 445) 800 1010
I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (200 415) 715 950
PREMONITION (PG-13) DIG (145 430) 745 1010
300 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (130 415) 715 1000
WILD HOGS (PG-13) DIG (145 430) 745 1010
Breach (PG-13) DIG (345) 700 930
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SHOOTER (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (100 130 405 435) 710 740 1015
TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES (PG) DIG (235 500) 725 950
REIGN OVER ME (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (110 140 415 445) 720 750 1025
THE HILLS HAVE EYES II (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (255 450 520) 715 745 940 1010
PRIDE (PG) DIG (250 525) 800 1035
THE LAST MIMZY (PG) DIG (220 455) 730 1005
I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (115 215 355) 640 905
DEAD SILENCE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (120 400) 645 915
PREMONITION (PG-13) DIG (125 155 430) 700 930
300 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (145 410 440) 705 735 1000 1030
OC: WILD HOGS (PG-13) DIG (425) 925
WILD HOGS (PG-13) DIG (150) 655
Breach (PG-13) DIG 650 935
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) DIG (135 420)

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OC: WILD HOGS (PG-13) DIG (210) 820
TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES (PG) DIG (1140 1240 220 310 450 540) 710 810 940
SHOOTER (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1140 130 230 430 530) 730 830 1030
REIGN OVER ME (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1130 140 220 440 520) 740 840 1040
THE HILLS HAVE EYES II (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1210 240 500) 750 1010
PRIDE (PG) DIG (115 415) 715 1015
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REIGN OVER ME (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (145 445) 745 1035
PRIDE (PG) DIG (200 530) 800 1030
I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (200 500) 800 1015
DEAD SILENCE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (215 515) 815 1030
PREMONITION (PG-13) DIG (115 215 515) 815 1000
WILD HOGS (PG-13) DIG (100 400) 730 930
Breach (PG-13) DIG 930 PM
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) DIG (100 400) 740 1035

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SHOOTER (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (100 130 400 430) 700 730 950 1020
TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES (PG) DIG (110 150 330 410) 650 740 930
THE LAST MIMZY (PG) DIG (140 435) 725 945
PREMONITION (PG-13) DIG (145 440) 720 955
WILD HOGS (PG-13) DIG (340) 920
I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (120 420) 735 1010
DEAD SILENCE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (125 345) 710 940
Breach (PG-13) DIG (120 350) 745 1005
AMAZING GRACE (PG) DIG (100) 645 945

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TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES (PG) DIG (1220 130 245 430 515) 700 745 1015
SHOOTER (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (100 415) 730 1045
REIGN OVER ME (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1245 405 715 1020
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THE HILLS HAVE EYES II (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (145 500) 800 1030
PRIDE (PG) DIG (110 410) 715 1000
I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1250 415 815 1040
DEAD SILENCE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (145 500) 800 945 1030
300 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (100 400 445) 700 745 1000 1045
WILD HOGS (PG-13) DIG (115 350) 645 945
GHOST RIDER (PG-13) DIG 945 PM
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) DIG (1245 350) 645
AMAZING GRACE (PG) DIG (1230) PM

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Adv. Tix on Sale DIRTY DANCING: 20TH ANNIVERSARY (PG-13) ★
TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES (PG) DIG (1230 245 515) 745 1010
SHOOTER (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1245 345) 730 1030
THE HILLS HAVE EYES II (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (130 445) 800 1015
PRIDE (PG) DIG (1245 315) 700 945
THE LAST MIMZY (PG) DIG (115 335) 700 930
REIGN OVER ME (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (100 345) 730 1020
I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (200 430) 800 1020
DEAD SILENCE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (145 415) 815 1025
PREMONITION (PG-13) DIG (130) 645
300 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (115 400) 715 745 1000 1030
WILD HOGS (PG-13) DIG (145 415) 715 945
AMAZING GRACE (PG) DIG (1230 315) 630 915
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) DIG (100 330) 645 930
MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG-13) DIG (200 430) PM
OC: PREMONITION (PG-13) DIG (400) 915

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REIGN OVER ME (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1140 1215 200 230 420 450) 710 740 955
TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES (PG) DIG (1240 340) 725 1015
THE HILLS HAVE EYES II (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1205 240 455) 750 1005
SHOOTER (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1240 340) 725 1015
THE HILLS HAVE EYES II (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1205 240 455) 750 1005
PRIDE (PG) DIG (1255 330) 745 1020
I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1200 215 435) 700 935
DEAD SILENCE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (100 405) 700 920
PREMONITION (PG-13) DIG (100 400) 755 1025
300 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1235 345) 650 925 945
WILD HOGS (PG-13) DIG (1250 350) 645 915
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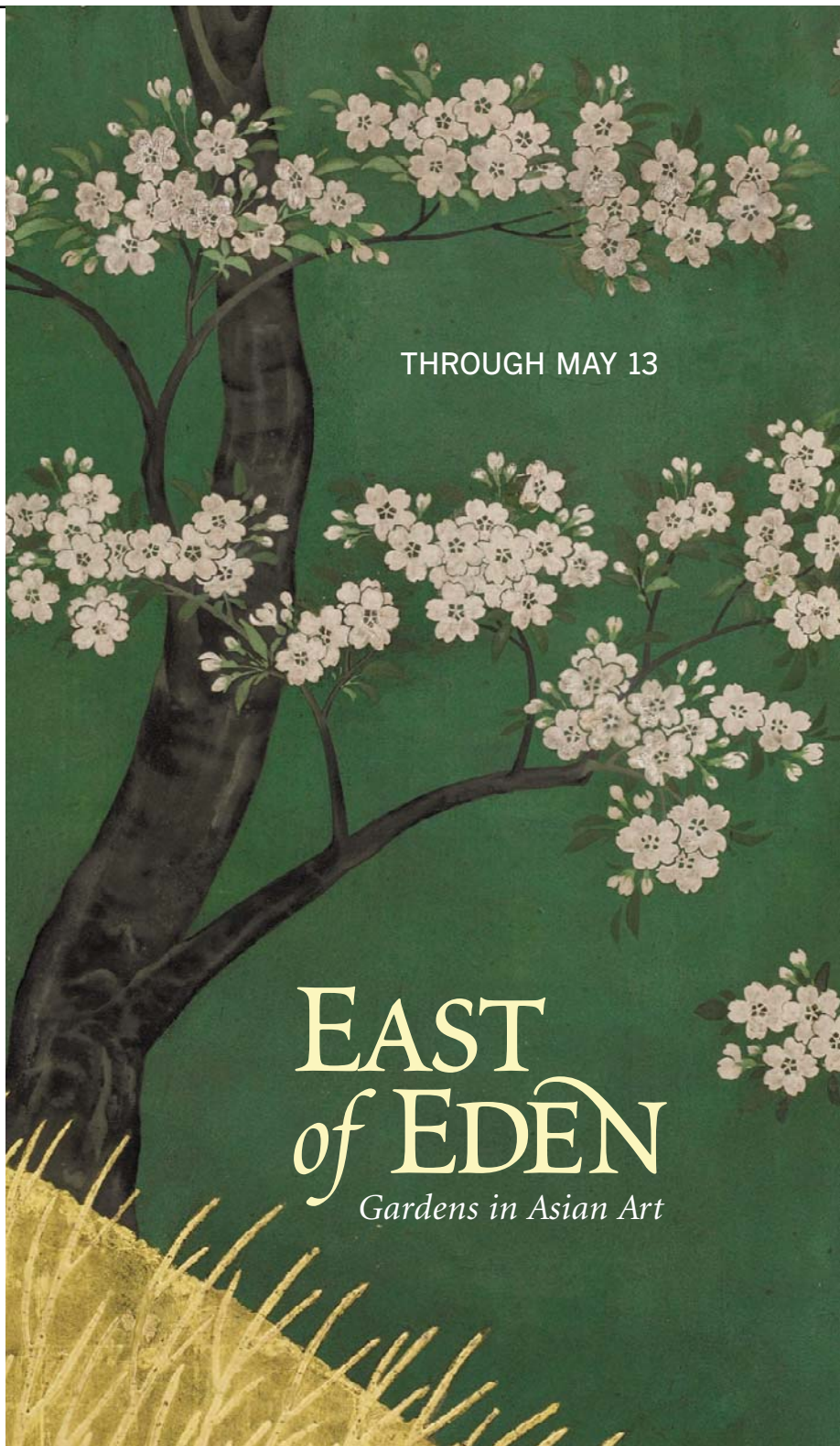
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While gefilte fish isn't standard Venetian-Jewish fare, Dino owner Dean Gold will feature it on the Cleveland Park restaurant's Passover menu, which will be available during dinner hours on April 2 through April 4. "There is no Venetian counterpart," says Gold, "But it reminds me of my mother."

The rest of the menu adheres

to dishes from the region. "Liver and onions, the use of potatoes and rice reflect Jewish influences on Venetian cooking," said Gold. "Pasta is relatively minor." Other entries include a haroset of apricots, dates, spices and wine, as well as a selection of minas, a matzo-crust turnover stuffed with lamb or eggplant. Priced at \$49 for adults and \$25 for children, this Passover dinner is the first of its kind at Dino and one of the few offerings like it in town for the holiday. (MM)

→ *3545 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-686-2966. (Cleveland Park)*

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Wine With Spring in Its Step

De Vinos employee George Aguilar has two suggestions for wine pairings should you find yourself in need of a gift for a friend's spring holiday dinner. The first is a kosher Chateau Camplay Bordeaux blend, a fruity, medium-bodied red from 2003 (\$10.99). The second is the Cantina Gabriele Montepulciano, loaded with berry aroma, but drier and bigger than the bordeaux.

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According to the criteria, restaurant managers and chefs nominate anyone who has "served as a model by displaying outstanding service, excellent work ethic and a positive image." Come June 17, a group of restaurant and hospitality education specialists selects the winner.

The restaurants' nominations show what they most value in their staff. For this year, employees nomi-



THE ROYAL TREATMENT: Falls Church's 2941 is known for its service and its food.

inated reach out to accommodate customers' individual needs. John Leinhardt, director of operations at 2941, said server David Vorhees, "has a fabulous file of guests who constantly request him. And he has the amazing knack of knowing what a guest would like, even if they're not sure themselves."

General manager and maitre d' Adnane Kebaier of Marcel's agrees

that a great server must accommodate the customer. Of head captain Jonathan Crayne, he said, "In his 35 years in the business, Jonathan has worked all over the world, and it shows. He knows a lot about food and wine. And because of it, people request him every day."

Consistency and creativity are behind Chef Geoff's chef Dave Powell's nomination of Apolonar-

io Flores, cook at the downtown and uptown locations. And for Mie N Yu general manager David Trost, Chris Kelley is valued because "he's been a driving force behind the bar and restaurant," he said. GMs also look for tenacity and a willingness to wear many hats. "Kelley comes in early to do inventory and stays late tending bar, sometimes alongside his wife, Xan Calomaris," said Trost.

DC Coast values this quality in maitre d' Jennifer Roe, as well. "I'm willing to accommodate guests' special needs and learn their likes and dislikes," said Roe, "but I'm also working full-time at DC Coast and part time at Acadiana in the meantime." MELISSA MCCART

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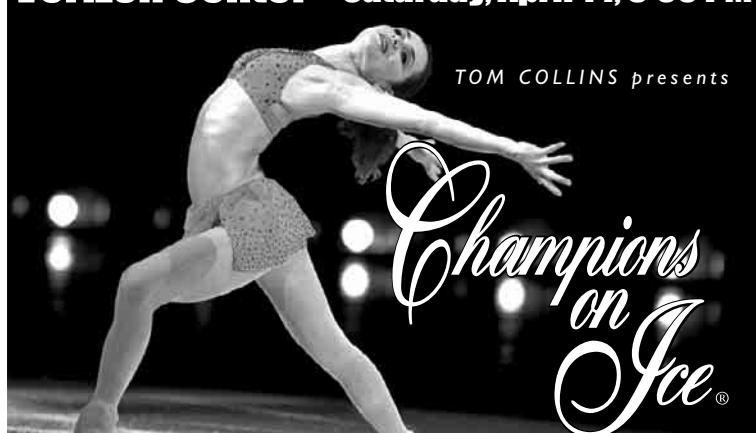
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speare in American Life," depictions of how Shakespeare's works and legends have reflected the growth and concerns of the United States, through Aug. 18. 201 East Capitol St. SE; 202-544-7077, folger.edu.

LAST CHANCE Foundry Gallery:

"Mostly Monotypes," husband-and-wife team Ann and Philip Bennet create watercolor paintings inspired by photographs and abstract images. "The Power of Water" features detailed, boldly colored paintings by Zenobia, both through Sun. 1314 18th St. NW; 202-463-0203, foundry-gallery.org.

Fraser Gallery:

"... But What Have We Gained?," Tim Tate's sculptures in glass, through April 7. 7700 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 301-718-9651, thefrasergallery.com.

Freer Gallery of Art/Arthur M. Sack-

ler Gallery: "Perspectives: Sim-ryn Gill," the Singapore-born contemporary artist transforms found natural objects into enigmatic installations, through April 29. "Daoism and the Arts of China," through June 10. "Parades: Freer Ceramics Installed by Gwyn Hanssen Pigott," through Nov. 4. Jefferson Drive & 12th Street SW; 202-633-4880, www.asia.si.edu.

LAST CHANCE G Fine Art: "Graham Caldwell: Anatomies," the artist's phantasmagoric, elegant, dangerous, almost creaturely glass works, through Sat. 1515 14th St. NW; 202-462-1601, gfineart.com.

Galerie Myrtis: "Art of the Collectors," African and African-American works of art from prominent local collectors, ongoing. 500 9th St. SE; 202-548-7575, galeriemyrtis.com.

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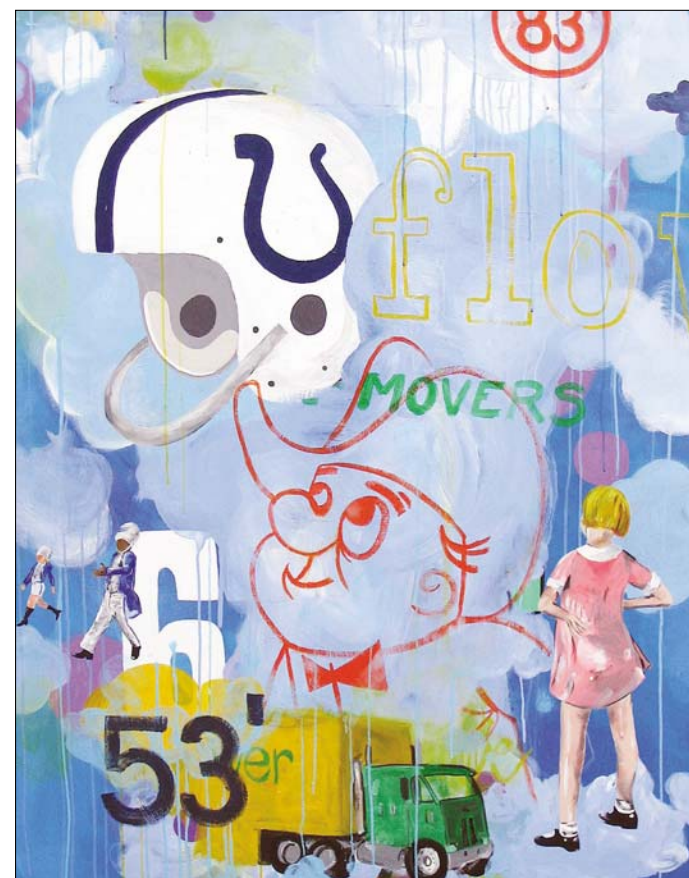
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Auburn Ave., Bethesda; 301-718-0809, galleryneptune.com.

LAST CHANCE Gallery Plan B: Paintings by Gail Vollrath, mixed media by Mike McClung, through Sun. 1530 14th St. NW; 202-234-2711, galleryplanb.com.

LAST CHANCE Gogo Art Projects: "The Kudzu Project," Matthew Sutton's installation of the voracious, fast-growing vine changes daily, through Aug. 1. 1730 Connecticut Ave. NW, 2nd floor; 202-588-8777, gogoartprojects.com.

Goethe-Institute Washington: Selections from permanent collections, ongoing. 812 7th St. NW; 202-331-0590, www.goethe.de/ins/us/was/en2075010.htm.

Heliport Gallery: "Convergences Towards a Jewish/Muslim Renewal," this showcase explores the shared history of the two religions, through April 9. 8001 Kennett St., Silver Spring.

Hemphill Fine Arts: "Tug of War," displays colorful work by "pop surrealist" art-

ists with roots in California alternative and subcultures including comics and punk music, through April 7. 1515 14th St. NW; 202-234-5601, hemphillfinearts.com.

Hillyer Art Space: "Northern Light/Nordic Visions," paintings that capture the different landscapes of Scandinavia, through April 20. "Veiled," Baltimore-based Erin Cluley creates paintings and mixed-media works inspired by her Catholic upbringing, through April 6. 9 Hillyer Court NW; 202-338-0680, artsandartists.org.

Hirshhorn Museum: "Refract, Reflect, Project: Light Works From the Collection," light as a subject and a material takes center stage in this collection of international works from the 1950s to the present, through April 8. "Black Box: Magnus Wallin," the Swedish artist's nightmares and dreamscapes in high-tech animation, through May 20. "Ways of Seeing: John Baldessari Explores the Collection," Baldessari's installation uses works from the museum's holdings, through July 26. "Directions — Virgil Marti and Pae White" through July 29. 7th Street & Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-1000, hirshhorn.org.

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Honfleur Gallery: "Around the World in a Day," Artist Alison Spain first solo exhibition dramatic paintings from her travels, through April 19. "The East of the River Group," a local group of artists display images of daily life in the community of Wards 7 and 8, through March. 1224 Good Hope Road SE; 202-889-5000, honfleurgallery.com.

Irvine Contemporary: "Flesh and Bone," the heart is a meaty, blood-filled organ and the nexus of passion in Joseph McSpadden's 3-D paintings, through April 7. 1412 14th St. NW; 202-332-8767, irvinecontemporary.com.

Katzen Arts Center: "Ashes and Embers," Madeleine Keesing's paintings, through March 18. "Contemporary Glass: Beauty and Innovation," artists demonstrate the range in glass art processes, through April 8. "Robert Brady: Sculpture 1989-2005," the West Coast artist's spare wooden forms. "Richard Cleaver: Family Fictions," hand-built, exotically decorated portrait and object sculptures bristling with secrets and clues; "Stanley Lewis — A Retrospective," the landscape artist's cut-apart and reassembled canvases. "Duane Hansen — Real Life," the trompe l'oeil sculptor's everyday people; "Dennis Oppenheim: Alternative Landscape Components," the eclecticist's outdoor and physical sculptures and installations, all through April 15. 4400 Massachusetts Ave. NW; 202-885-2787, american.edu/museum.

Koshland Science Museum: "Infectious Disease: Evolving Challenges to Human Health," an in-depth, hands-on exploration of what causes the world's most

deadly diseases, through April. 6th and E St. NW; 202-334-1612. www.koshland-science.org

Library of Congress: "On the Cutting Edge: Contemporary Japanese Prints," the latest prints including a diverse collection of woodcuts and calligraphy, through June 30. "A Century of Creativity: The MacDowell Colony 1907-2007," music manuscripts and first editions from residents of this early American artists' colony, through Aug. 18. 101 1st St. SE; 202-707-8000, loc.gov/exhibits.

Mandarin Oriental Hotel: "Gold and Kimono: Opulent Reflections of Japanese Culture," featuring sumptuous kimonos with a special emphasis on gold, ongoing. Mandarin Oriental Hotel, 1330 Maryland Ave. SW; 202-554-8588.

LAST CHANCE Marsha Mateyka Gallery: "Songs of Naked Trees," Madeleine Hatz's recent paintings explore sweeping landscapes and weather, through Sat. 2012 R St. NW; 202-328-0088, marshamateykgallery.com.

Meat Market Gallery: Selections from permanent collections, ongoing. 1636 17th St. NW; 202-328-6328.

Meridian International Center: "Anatolian Scenes: Paintings by Turk Artist Yalcun Gokcebag," through April 29. "Out West: The Great American Landscape," this collection of rugged landscapes is part of an exchange program with the National Art Museum of China and the Chinese Ministry of Culture, indefinite. 1630 Crescent Place NW; 202-667-6800, meridian.org.

National Academy of Sciences: "Strange Weather: New Paintings by Joy Garnett," an ongoing series of works ripped from the weather pages headlines, through April 30. Winning images from the 2006 Nikon Small World photography

competition, through May 1.

National Air and Space Museum: "Treasures of American History," many of the National Museum of American History's choicest items — from Dorothy's ruby slippers to Jacqueline Kennedy's inaugural ball gown — find a temporary home, ongoing. 6th Street and Independence Avenue, 202-633-1000, www.nasm.si.edu.

National Archives: "School House to White House," a family friendly exhibit exploring a collection of photos and documents from children who became U.S. presidents, through Jan. 1, 2008. "The Charters of Freedom," "A New World Is at Hand," "The Public Vaults," the Magna Carta and other treasures, ongoing. Constitution Avenue between 7th & 9th streets NW; 202-357-5300, www.archives.gov.

National Building Museum: "The Green House: New Directions in Sustainable Architecture and Design," through June 30. "Reinventing the Globe: A Shakespearean Theater for the 21st Century," through Aug. 27. "Washington: Symbol and City," ongoing. "Cityscapes Revealed," highlights from the museum's permanent collection, ongoing. 401 F St. NW; 202-272-2448, nbm.org.

National Gallery of Art: "Eugene Boudin," an extensive collection of french impressionist Boudin, through April 5. "Sources for Shakespeare's Plays: Selections from the National Gallery of Art Library," centuries-old texts including Ovid's "Metamorphoses," Livy's "Roman History" and "Plutarch's Lives," through April 17. "An Allegory of Painting," by Jasper Johns, through April 29. "Paris in Transition," nostalgia-inducing photographs of the French city, through

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May 6. "States and Variations: Prints by Jasper Johns," through Oct. 28. 600 Constitution Ave. NW; 202-289-3360, www.nga.gov.

National Geographic Museum: "Spirit of Japanese Gardens," through April 29. "National Geographic MAPS: Tools for Adventure," a kid-friendly interactive exhibit about maps, charts and navigation. "Zakouma, Elephant Crisis in Chad," photographs by Michael Nichols show the extremes conservationists must go to in order to protect the last surviving Central African elephants from poachers. The exhibit is accompanied by eyewitness text from National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence J. Michael Fay, through Sep. 3. 17th and M streets NW; 202-857-7588.

National Library of Medicine: Selections from permanent collections, ongoing. 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda; 301-496-6308, www.nlm.nih.gov.

National Museum of African Art:

"African Vision: The Walt Disney-Tishman African Art Collection," through Sept. 7, 2008. "Resonance From the Past," African sculpture from the New Orleans Museum of Art, ongoing. "Body of Evidence," contemporary African artists use the body, ongoing. 950 Independence Ave. SW; 202-633-1000, www.nmfa.si.edu.

National Museum of the American Indian:

"Identity by Design: Tradition, Change, and Celebration in Native Women's Dresses," explores the cultural expressions and artistic identity weaved into a collection of traditional dresses and accessories by various tribes of the American Indian, through Jan. 2, 2008. 4th Street & Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-6985.

National Museum of Health and Medicine:

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coveries of the U.S. Exploring Expedition," The Annual Charles Wilkes exhibit will examine thousands of artifacts collected from the world's coastlines, through June 3. "Orchids: Take a Walk on the Wild Side," a fount of information about orchids and a large number of "naturalistic" displays of the plants. "Transitions: Photographs by Robert Creamer," through June 24. 10th Street & Constitution Avenue NW; 202-633-1000, www.mnh.si.edu.

National Museum of Women in the Arts: "Italian Women Artists from Renaissance to Baroque," A collection of paintings, drawings, and sculpture including such artists as Artemisia Gentileschi, Lavinia Fontana and Elisabetta Sirani, through July 15. "The National Museum of Women in the Arts at 20: Selections from the Archives," photographs, original posters, and historical objects as well as paintings from the permanent collection tell the museum's story, through Dec. 1250 New York Ave. NW; 202-783-5000, www.nmwa.org.

National Portrait Gallery: "Portraits of Sandra Day O'Connor," In honor of women's history month comes a collection of the first female associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, through Oct. 8. Eight and F St., NW; 202-633-1000. npg.si.edu.

National Postal Museum: "Trailblazers & Trendsetters: The Art of the Stamp," through Oct. 3. "Out of the Mails," examples of the resourceful ways Revolutionary War-era citizens found to circumvent regular mail channels, ongoing. 2 Massachusetts Ave. NE; 202-633-5500, www.postalmuseum.si.edu.

National Press Club: Selections from permanent collections, ongoing. 1350 I St. NW; 202-408-0808.

Nevin Kelly Gallery: "Women's Work," young female artists — Molly Brose, Mary Chiaramonte, Jenny Davis, Laurel Hausler and Abbe McGray — with remarkably diverse points of view, through April 8. 1517 U St. NW; 202-232-3464, nevinellygallery.com.

The Ninth Street Gallery: "On Their Own Terms," New art by Michael Platt and George H. Smith-Shomari, through April 28. 1306 9th St. NW; 202-332-9369, the ninthstreetgallery.com.

Phillips Collection: "Moving Pictures: American Art and Early Film," an exploration of the history of film experiments and how they inspired contemporary painting, through May 20. 1600 21st St. NW; 800-551-7328, phillipscollection.org.

Project 4: "Specimen," an international array of artists looks at the scientifically observable and the nature of change in this remarkable group show, opens Fri., through April 21, 903 U St. NW; 202-232-4340, project4gallery.com.

Pyramid Atlantic Art Center: "Token," six women artists explore issues of sexuality, through April 6. 8230 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring; 301-608-9101, pyramidatlantartcenter.org.

Randall Scott Gallery: Selections from permanent collections, ongoing. 1326 14th St. NW; 202-332-0806, randallscottgallery.com.

Renwick Gallery: "From the Ground Up: Craft Invitational 2007," the Renwick hosts an eclectic and decidedly uncrafterly group of artists in glass, ceramics and paper, through July 22. 17th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue NW; 202-633-1000, www.americanart.si.edu

Studio Gallery: "World Views," Andrea Rowe Kraus uses paper collages to focus on windows and doors around the world, through April 21. 2108 R St. NW; 202-232-8734, www.studiogallerydc.com.

Target Gallery: "Roots and Branches,"

connecting the history of the African-American journey to and in the U.S. to black American life today, through April 29. 105 North Union St., Alexandria; 703-838-4565.

Textile Museum: "Architectural Textiles: Tent Bands of Central Asia," Beautifully design with bright colors and various materials these bands go beyond their utilitarian function, through Aug. 19. "Red," this exhibition explores the meaning, uses and history of the primary color red, through July 8. 2320 S St. NW; 202-667-0441, textilemuseum.org.

Touchstone Gallery: "Habit," Aubrie Mema's small works in mixed media on transparency recall Rorschach blots, through April 8; opening reception Fri., 6-8:30 p.m. "Latest Faces," Charles St. Charles' monotypes, acrylics and oils, through April 8. 406 7th St. NW; 202-347-2787, touchstonegallery.com.

Transformer: "Natural [dis]Order," A collection of artists explores the human connection to the outside world and Mother Nature's many creatures, through April 28. 1404 P St., NW; 202-483-1102, transformergallery.org.

Union Gallery: "I Walk the Line," three artists focus on the practice of abstraction in their work, through April 12. Stamp Student Union, University of Maryland, College Park; 301-314-8493.

U.S. Botanic Garden: "Vanishing Wetlands: Two Views," Louisiana's eroding coast is portrayed in C.C. Lockwood's photos and Rhea Gary's paintings, through May 13. "Shore to Ship: Discoveries of the U.S. Exploring Expedition," opens Sat., through June 3. "Nature's Barcodes," an exhibition documenting the

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Discussion will be moderated by **Susanne Frantz**, an independent curator and former curator of twentieth-century glass at the Corning Museum of Glass, and **Jane Milosch**, curator at the Renwick Gallery. This event is a Smithsonian Women's Committee Lecture on American Craft.



Smithsonian American Art Museum
Renwick Gallery

The Ryna and Melvin Cohen Family Foundation generously supports *From the Ground Up: Renwick Craft Invitational 2007*

Counter-clockwise, from top:
Paula Bartron, *Red Cylinder*, 2004, blown and sand-cast glass with glass powders, Collection of the artist. Photo by Gene Young.
Jocelyn Châteauevert, *Eve (Clothes Optional)*, 1994, abaca and sterling silver, Collection of the artist. Photo by Mark Tade.
Beth Lipman, *Tea Table II*, 2005, hand-sculpted, blown, kiln-formed, lampworked glass, gold luster, and wood, Collection of Anna and Joe Mendel, Montreal, Canada. Photo by Jeff Machtig, John Michael Kohler Arts Center
Beth Cavener Stichter, *Olympia*, 2006, stoneware, porcelain slip, polyester, and mixed media, Collection of Christine Rémy.
Photo by Noel Allum, Courtesy Garth Clark Gallery

MUSEUMS | FLU SEASON



HEALTHY MINDS: Join New York Times science writer Denise Grady for a fun-filled family day in conjunction with the Koshland Science Museum's "Infectious Disease" exhibit. The kids will thrill to the hands-on activities, while grown-ups can attend Grady's discussion and book-signing.

TheScene

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progress of a joint project of the USBG and the National Museum of Natural History, Department of Botany to develop DNA-based genetic "bar codes" for plants, through June 10. 413 7th St. NW; 202-783-2963, usbg.gov.

Warehouse: "Art Romp 19," having fun with mixed media, ongoing. 1021 7th St. NW; 202-783-3933, warehousetheater.com.

Washington Printmakers Gallery: "Our House," Terry Svat explores simple drawings of common objects in his original small boxes, through April 29. 1732 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-332-7757.

Zenith Gallery: "29 Artists — 29 Years," an anniversary exhibition, through April 29. 413 7th St. NW; 202-783-2963, zenithgallery.com.

Stage

LAST CHANCE 37 Stones, or The Man Who Was a Quarry: Charter Theatre premieres a new comedy about a man who has a painfully intimate knowledge of the heartbreak of kidney stones, through Sat., Thu., \$20; Fri. & Sat., \$25. Theatre on the Run, 3700 Four Mile Run Drive, Arlington; 202-333-7009, chartertheatre.org.

THIS FRIDAY ONLY A Change Is Coming: A modern-day gospel play about how one family drifts apart after tragedy only to reconnect with help from their grandmother. The Lang Theatre, Atlas Performing Arts Center, 1333 H St., NE; 202-785-9727.

LAST CHANCE After Darwin: The Journeyman Theater closes out its season with Timberlake Wertenbaker's engrossing drama, which tells two stories — Darwin's voyage on the Beagle and a modern-day re-creation of the voyage — and says volumes about the survival of the fittest, through Sat., \$20, \$15 seniors and students. Church St. Theater, 1742 Church St. NW; 800-494-8497.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY Carmina Burana: The Washington Ballet teams with the Cathedral Choral Society in the extravagant production of an abstract exploration of love — with a special ending of "Morphoses," through Sun. \$29. Kennedy Center's Eisenhower Theater, 2700 F St. NW; 202-467-4600.

THIS SATURDAY ONLY Coyaba Dance Theater: A family-friendly African dance performance — complete with drummers, Sat., \$7-\$12. THEARC, 1901 Mississippi Ave. SE; 202-269-1600, www.danceplace.org.

THIS SATURDAY ONLY Cross-Currents Dance Company: The Bethesda-based company founded by Debra Kanter and Helen Hayes leaps into its second decade, \$10-\$20. Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, Kreeger Auditorium, 6125 Montrose Road, Rockville; 301-24-3260.

Die Walküre: Plácido Domingo and Anja Kampe perform as the fateful star-crossed twins in the Washington National Opera's latest leg of Wagner's epic "Ring" cycle, complete with fittingly extravagant production values, through April 17, sold out. Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; 202-467-4600.

THIS SATURDAY ONLY Expresiones de Danza: Furia Flamenca presents flamenco full of passion and refined technique, \$15-\$20. Dance



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D.C. Getting Even Windier

➔ **YOUNG FLYERS** hope March goes out like a very gusty lamb this year, because the 42nd Annual Smithsonian Kite Festival takes off on Saturday. The festival honors the kite in Japanese culture, and to that end will open with a performance by a local Taiko drum group and feature demonstrations by Japanese kite-makers, displays of kite art and a Rokkaku kite battle. This is also the curtain-raising for the Smithsonian Associates' new cultural program series, "Japan Wow! From Traditions to Trends," which touches on fashion, technology, cuisine, travel and the arts. *17th Street & Constitution Avenue NW; Sat., 10 a.m.-4 p.m., free; kitefestival.org. Opening concert and reception for "Japan Wow!," Natural History Museum, 10th Street & Constitution Avenue NW; Sat., 7 p.m., \$50; residentassociates.org.* ARION BERGER (EXPRESS)

Place, 3225 8th St., NE; 202-269-1600. www.danceplace.org.

Free Jujube Brown: Through the guise of several characters, one man tells a hip-hop-infused story of a run-in with the police and a final, life-costing mistake, through April 14, \$15-\$20. D.C. Arts Center, 2438 18th St. NW; 202-270-6990. musefire.org

Frankie and Johnny in the Clair de Lune: A lonely cook and a waitress share a night of intimacy and have a hard time waking up to reality in Terrence McNally's play, through April 8, \$46-\$66. Arena Stage, 1101 6th St. SW; 202-554-9066. arenastage.org.

THIS SATURDAY ONLY Fresh Flavas: Voices of Color for a New Generation: An evening of staged reading from local playwrights. Atlas Performing Arts Center, 1333 H St., NE; 202-399-7993. www.africancontinuumtheatre.com.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY The Grid: In the not-too-distant future, an ordinary man must fight a corrupt government in an adventure that will allow him to discover the secret behind his troubled past; this is a student production, Fri.-Sun., \$10. Imagination Stage's Reeve Studio Theatre, 4908 Auburn Ave., Bethesda; 301-280-1660.

LAST CHANCE Holy Ghosts: The Spooky Action Theater stages Romulus Linney's play about a Pentecostal sect traveling through Appalachia with faith, snakes and prayer in hand, Thursdays through Saturdays through Sun., open admission. Montgomery College, 7600 Takoma Ave., Takoma Park; 202-248-0647, www.spookyaction.org.

FRIDAYS ONLY iMusical: The Improvised Musical: The off-the-cuff comic actors of the Washington Improv Theater make it up — songs, story and all — as they go along, Fridays through April 6, \$15. Mead Theatre Lab at Flashpoint, 916 G St. NW; 202-315-1318, imusical.org.

LAST CHANCE Insurrection: Holding History: Theatre Alliance presents Robert O'Hara's comic journey through Virginia's racially and sexually fraught past in which one very old man looks back on his life and that of the Old Dominion, through Sun., \$26. H Street Playhouse, 1365 H St. NE; 866-811-4111, theatrealliance.com.

THIS SUNDAY ONLY Lobster Boy's Ship of Fools: Everyone's favorite grumpy crustacean DJ gathers some new performers and some old fan favorites and unleashes them on the unsuspecting burlesque fan on April Fool's Day, \$17.50. The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria; 202-397-7328.

Meet John Doe: Eric Schaeffer makes his Ford's Theatre directorial debut with this new musical based on the uplifting Frank Capra film, opens Fri., through April 29, \$25-\$52. Ford's Theatre, 511 10th St. NW; 202-347-4833, fordstheatre.org.

The Pillowman: Martin McDonagh's harrowing tale about a writer of terrifying stories and the totalitarian state that wants to harness his imagination, through April 22. The Studio Theater, 1501 14th St. NW; 202-232-7267, studiotheatre.org.

LAST CHANCE The Princess and the Pea: A new musical takes on a classic fairy tale tale, Saturdays through Sat. \$10. Theatre on the Run, 3700 S. Four Mile Run, Arlington; 202-333-7009.

She Stoops to Comedy: As Part of the Shakespeare in Washington festival, this clever and warm-hearted play interweaves ideas about love, theater and the Bard, all the while bending gender roles, through April 22, \$30-\$50. Woolly Mammoth Theatre, 641 D St. NW; 202-393-3939.

That Championship Season: A play about life paths and decisions. Former basketball players gather together after 20 years to reminisce over their championship season, only to discover how life has changed them all for the worst, particularly their coach, now a bitter old man, through April 28, \$23-\$29. Theater II, Gunston Arts Center, 2700 S. Lang St., Arlington; 703-553-8782.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY This Time, Next Time: As part of the Jack Guidone Theater Spring Session, four choreographers showcase their exploration through modern dance, Sat. & Sun., \$12-\$15. Joy of Motion Dance Center, Jack Guidone Theater, 5207 Wisconsin Ave., NW; 202-276-2599.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY What You Will: By and About the Bard: Actor Roger Rees stars in this one-man show — a tribute expressed through various characters and reminiscence — celebrating Shakespeare's works, Fri.-Sun., \$37-\$45. Folger Theater, 201 East Capitol St., SE; 202-544-7077.

Writer's Cramp: Scena Theatre puts on John Byrne's literary comedy about a little-known (and entirely fictional) Scottish writer, through April 7, \$15-\$32.50. Warehouse Theater, 1021 7th St. NW; 703-684-7990, warehousetheater.com.



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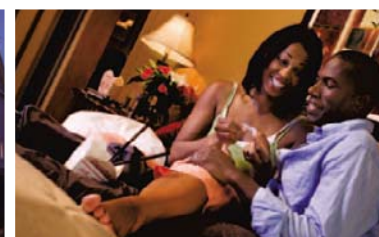
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